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Debbie Zimmerman became Niagara Region's first woman chair last month. The Grimsby resident graduated from the college's journalism-print program in 1975.

New college vice-president will be a 'tremendous asset'

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

The search is over.

Martha Casson, a 19-year employee of Humber College in Toronto, has been selected to fill the position left empty when vice-president of Community and Learner Services Carol Boettcher stepped down last August.

Casson will begin her new job at Niagara College Feb. 2.

A selection committee, comprised of student and faculty representatives, administrators and support staff, had to sort through 128 applications received before making their decision in December.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson said among a group of "very impressive" candidates, the committee was struck with Casson's energy and enthusiasm.

"Martha's experience in the college system together with her leadership skills will make her a tremendous asset for the college."

Casson, a graduate of Guelph University where she completed a bachelor of science degree, is the dean/registrar of Administrative Services at Humber.

At Humber, she has played a key role in heading up international initiatives including a partnership with Niagara College. Together with Niagara, she worked on the coordination of a four-year program which focussed on helping develop programs with partner institutions in South Africa.

Casson said she has been reading Niagara College's newspaper, the Niagara News, in order to "get a flavor" of the school and keep up-to-date in anticipation of her move here.

MARTHA CASSON

The new job she will start has a new description since it was held by Boettcher.

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First Nations speaker to enthral students

By BRADEN TANGUAY
Staff Writer

An award-winning First Nations journalist is on his way to Niagara College.

Richard Wagamese, 42, an Ojibwa from the Wabaseemoong First Nation, will speak to students

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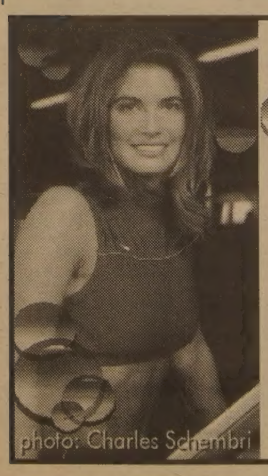
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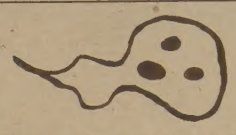
Paranormal course offered by college

By PAUL JACKSTIES
Staff Writer

There's a popular new course being offered at Niagara College through the Continuing Education program.



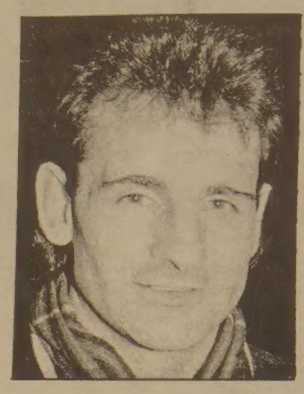
The course, Understanding the Paranormal, examines such subjects as psychokinesis, poltergeists, out-of-body experiences and clairvoyance.

"They just loved the course," said Taralea McLean, development officer of Continuing Education.

Of the anonymous mid-course evaluations that students provided, McLean said, "I don't remember getting a bad evaluation of the lot."

The course is taught by Dr. Peter Sacco, 32, and was introduced into the curriculum last fall.

"There's a lot of professional skeptics who don't want to do anything like this," said Sacco. "I explain it from a scientific perspective."



DR. PETER SACCO

As an example, Sacco defines psychoscopy as the ability to touch something and read its "emotional residue" so that events of that object's past may be clairvoyantly "seen." This obscure ability has been popularized by the fictitious character Frank Black of the television show Millennium.

"The universe has a continuum," said Sacco. "There's a beginning and there's an end. In the universe, on a higher plane, on a spiritual plane is ether. Ether is pretty much like a Polaroid, so whenever you take a Polaroid snapshot, things are imprinted in the universe. There are some people that have what is referred to as psychoscopic abilities."

Sacco will be teaching his course again starting Jan. 20. Because his last class was filled to more than capacity, interested persons should register soon.

For further information call (905) 735-2211 ext. 7510.

Vacant position filled by former Guelph graduate

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The title changes to vice-president, Enterprise and Service Development. The help wanted ad posted in October said the responsibilities will include "continuing education, international education, enrolment and registration services and student services."

Casson said the job's range appealed to her.

"The combination of responsibilities is what I'm most interested in. There aren't many jobs that combine student services with international education."

According to Patterson, the shift is to a "dual focus" on both internal and external dynamics.

"Through the title of vice-president, Enterprise and Service Development, we have attempted to emphasize the importance of being enterprising and also ensuring that we provide quality service to students who come to Niagara College."

Patterson said he is "anxious to introduce Casson to the college as well as to community stakeholders."

Casson said she welcomes the opportunity to both live and work within the same community. She said this isn't possible in a big city like Toronto where "borders" limit the clear definition of individual communities.

Born in Kirkland Lake, Ont., Casson said she has never lived in a "big town," and said she looks forward to her move here.

Registration climbs

By JENNIFER COTE
Staff Writer

An increase in enrolment has officials in the Continuing Education department smiling.

The increase comes as a welcome result of a "hard-working department" that has seen many recent increases in registrations.

This past year saw registrations for the hundreds of courses increase steadily, reaching a peak in the fall 1997 term.

Foster Zanutto, director of the Continuing Education department, said so far it is a "modest increase," but continuing education enrolment is "looking good."

There are 2,000 registrants in the winter 1998 term with more coming in every day.

Zanutto said since Jan. 2, enrolment in courses has "boomed" and the office is becoming "very busy."

This term to date shows an increase of three to four per cent from this time last year.

With more registrations each day, Zanutto said he is "expecting an increase upwards of 4,800" as a final tally.

The increase is an obvious result of the wide variety of courses offered, he said.

There are "98 new courses in '98," said Zanutto, adding the most popular courses this term seem to be "the computer area and office skills."

Zanutto said there are a few courses he considers "unusual," such as these: East Indian Art of Attar Perfumery, a two-hour seminar and demonstration of non-toxic cosmetics and skin-care using holy oils; a seminar entitled Wildflowers, Weeds . . . and Witches? which reveals the myths and legends surrounding common plants; and Losing God/Finding God, a $38 workshop that will look at examples of how beliefs in God have evolved.

Registering in these or other Continuing Education courses is as easy as telephoning, faxing, mailing or dropping off your registration form. Drop-off boxes are in Room SE-105 in the Secord Wing and Room H21 in Hennepin Hall at the Welland campus.

To phone in a registration, call 735-2211, ext. 7510.

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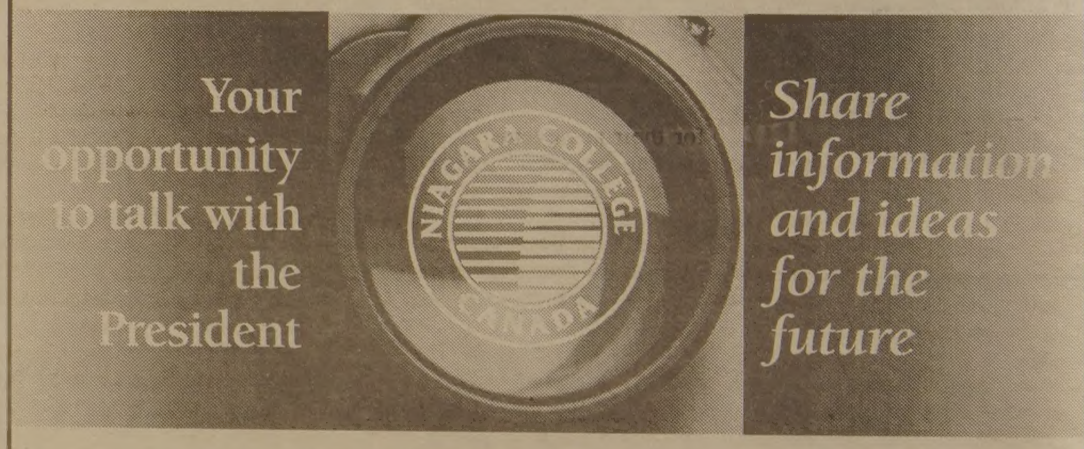

TOPIC: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1998
from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Merritt Wing, Welland Campus
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There will be a presentation by
Dan Patterson, President, Niagara College
followed by an opportunity for questions from the audience.

This is a series of forums, sponsored by
the President's Advisory Forum Steering Committee,
which will be held at different times and locations throughout the year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Niagara student at TSN

Tabatha Adams wins BEST award from TSN in Toronto

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

The Sports Network (TSN) showcases sports stars.

This year TSN will have, behind the scenes, one of Niagara College's stars from the Broadcast — Radio, Television and Film program — Tabatha Adams.

Adams, 21, of St. Catharines, a third-year radio student, has won the Broadcast Education and Skills Training program (BEST) award from TSN in Toronto.

She is the first Niagara student to receive this award from the radio division and the first student to receive placement experience at the network.

"My placement begins the third week into January," and runs until April, Adams said.

Her duties at TSN will include "writing small stories at the beginning and working towards doing highlights and putting scripts together," said Adams.

She was not expecting the award, she said. "I filled out an application to do work at the network."

Later, "the director of human resources for the network phoned" and told Adams she had won.

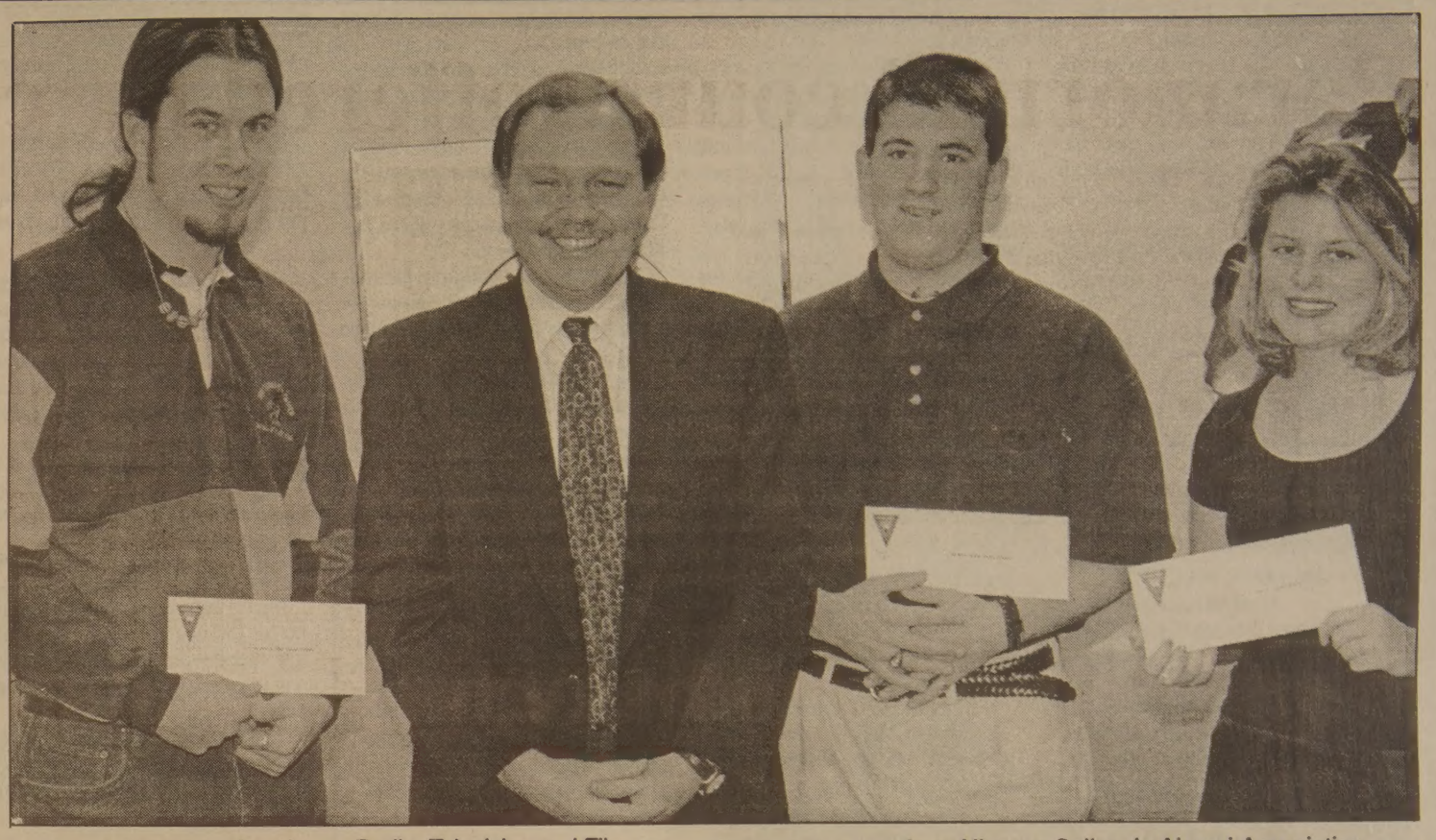
"I think it is more of a title than an award."

Asked if the placement would work into a long-term job, Adams said, "I hope so but I doubt it. The chances are slim."

Adams said she is prepared to commute to Toronto everyday during her placement.

She said her experience in the broadcasting program at Niagara has been "very helpful" to her.

"It's where I was introduced to broadcast journalism."



From left are Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film program student Brian White, Niagara College President Dan Patterson and first-year Business Administration program students Robert Dion and Christine Hubbard. The three received bursary cheques from Niagara College's Alumni Association in early December.

Photo by David Conroy

Students receive bursary cheques

3 students given cheques from Alumni Association

By DAVID CONROY
Staff Writer

Three Niagara College students were presented with $500 cheques by college President Dan Patterson for their achievements prior to entering the college in September.

The cheques came courtesy of the Niagara College Alumni Association Entrance Bursary. Cheques are presented to students who have achieved the highest grade point average graduating from Grade 12, as an Ontario Scholar or as a mature student.

The three students receiving the cheques were Robert Dion, of Welland, Christine Hubbard, of St. Catharines, and Brian White, of Sarnia. The cheques were presented to the students in Patterson's office on Dec. 9.

"It is really gratifying to have this kind of support for our students," said Christopher Blake, executive director of the Niagara College Foundation, the college's money-raising arm.

"The Niagara College Alumni Association's fund-raising efforts to support these awards are a wonderful example of graduates and the community helping students achieve their goals."

Dion is enrolled in Niagara College's Business Administration program. He graduated from L'Ecole Secondaire Confederation with an 85 per cent average.

He was active in the student council and participated in the Non Merci play (a variation of the federation for young Franco-Ontarian leadership camps), the Male Against Male Violence Walkathon, the community Resource Action Centre and a 30-hour famine.

He was also a co-ordinator for the fourth annual Franco-Ontarian Games held in Welland in May 1997. Dion has been a member of the Canadian Folklore Ensemble, Vive-La-Joie, for 13 years.

Hubbard is also a Business Administraton program student with plans to specialize in accounting. She graduated with honors from Holy Cross High School in St. Catharines then returned to complete her Ontario Academic Credit and again graduated with honors.

White left St. Patrick's High School in Sarnia three credits short of his diploma. He then worked full time in a restaurant, eventually becoming kitchen manager.

In his spare time, White volunteered as a public address announcer for the Ontario Hockey League's Sarnia Sting at the local community cable television station.

His volunteer work led to producing his own local 13-program television series and winning the Merle Zoerb Award given to the volunteer of the year.

His interest in television led him to apply to Niagara College's Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film program.

"I think it's great that the college is able to reward students in such a way that it would encourage people to continue on with their education," said White.

He said he felt "very comfortable" making Niagara College his top choice over Etobicoke's Humber College, Oakville's Sheridan College and Ryerson Polytechnic University in Toronto.

"I think Niagara College is a great school. As I'm learning more about the school and the area, I see that it is more highly recognized within the country than I had realized."

Building Maintenance Mechanical Apprenticeship graduate receives award

By DAVID CONROY
Staff Writer

It turned out to be an early Christmas present for a 1997 graduate of Niagara College.

Todd Overall, 48, of Niagara Falls, was the first recipient of a special engineering award.

Overall graduated from Niagara last June with the hightest grade point average in the Building Maintenance Mechanical Apprenticeship program.

Because of his excellent academic achievement, Overall received a $450 scholarship.

The award, presented by the Canadian Hospital Engineering Society (CHES), was made at the college's Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls on Dec. 12.

Overall said Niagara College is a "great institution" and he was happy to receive the award. "This is a great honor. We'll enjoy it."

Brain Moukperian, director of the Building Maintenance Mechanical Apprenticeship program, praised Overall during the presentation.

"Todd is a top graduate based on academics, achievement, attendance and attitude."

Overall had been taking courses at Niagara for seven years. He is working full time in the maintenance department of the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel in Niagara Falls.

Todd Overall is the first graduate to receive the Canadian Hospital Engineering Society award.

Photo by David Conroy

The award was funded by a donation of $15,000 from the CHES organization. It will fund an award for every graduating class in the Building Maintenance Mechanical Apprenticeship program.

Ange Bruni, manager-co-ordinator of mechanical systems for the Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara Falls, presented the cheque to Todd on behalf of the CHES organization.

Bruni said CHES plans on presenting the award every year "and for years to come."

"The scholarship was designed to acknowledge and recognize high achievement in the Mechanical Maintenance program," said Bruni. "Delivering the first cheque to the first recipient is quite an honor. We are proud of Todd and wish him the best in his future endeavors."

Christopher Blake, executive director of the Niagara College Foundation, said the award in future years will be at least $450 and may be able to be increased.

"It's great to have this support from the industry and we are really happy for Todd," Blake said.

Helping dreams become realities

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Innovation Centre helps dreams become realities.

Lori Gavanac, 52, of St. Catharines, is a 1982 graduate of Niagara College's Health and Sciences program.

Gavanac, who "didn't want to be an employee anymore," is the owner of her own business, Fashion Sense.

Her business sells clothing for sized 14 plus, with the biggest size being 58. "We're a larger society now and many people exceed 'normal sizes.'"

Gavanac heard about the college's Innovation Program through a newspaper. "I don't think I could have done it (business) without them." She says she received exposure for her business and information important for starting the business.

She chose Niagara College for assistance because she had "been there before and I enjoyed my experience there."

Gavanac added she "would not have been too successful" if it were not for the help she received from the college.

She advises others to "try to get as much job information and don't be afraid to talk to people."

Maggie Sadler, 49, of Fonthill, is a mentor with the Innovation Centre, and she worked with Gavanac. "We basically gave her moral support."

Sadler says she will help an individual for about a year but is available to talk to a client if the client needs her.

She says she has a small business of her own and advises people who are interested in starting their own business to "make sure you check all the guidelines and seek out professional help if you're not sure of something."

Heather Carter, 43, of Fonthill, is a business development officer at the Innovation Centre and has worked at the college for four years.

Carter says the Innovation Centre has partnerships with large companies such as The Royal Bank, Human Resources Development of Canada and Regional Social Services. There is also a relationship with "a number of community corporations."

Carter says small businesses are important in the Niagara Region because "there is a lot of downsizing of large companies."

She says "small businesses are growing leaps and bounds in Canada," as self-employment continues to grow.

"Self-assessment is very important," Carter says. "Not everyone is suited for self-employment. Hobbies make a successful business . . . pick a business that you're passionate about."

Many Hands to aid nursery

By JENN WALKER
Staff Writer

A ground-breaking decision has been made.

All Peoples' Nursery and Daycare was selected as the site for the Many Hands project organized by Niagara College students and staff.

The one-day event is part of the Special Event Management (post-graduate) program.

The project will be in June 1998. It will include replacing a deteriorated sand box with a weather-resistant model and constructing a barn play structure, a new storage unit for seasonal outdoor toys and a picnic table with an umbrella.

"I am so thrilled and excited our centre was chosen," said Celine Nicholas, supervisor at All Peoples' Nursery and Daycare. "With this type of community support, individual donors, and the help of the United Way, we can do wonders for our children and community."

"This event will allow a large group of individuals and organizations to come together on one day in June 1998 for a project that is good in the community and that will demonstrate team work, commitment, and co-operation," said David Veres, the college's project co-ordinator.

Canadian Tire Acceptance is a lead sponsor, and other organizations are being approached to help cover costs of the event.

Butt out smokers

By MICHELLE ADEY
Staff Writer

Niagara College is butting out for Weedless Wednesday.

Each year public health officials across the world encourage people to either cut down or not to smoke any tobacco products for a 24-hour period.

This year, Jan. 21 is being marked as Weedless Wednesday, which falls in the middle of the non-smoking week campaign.

The campaign, organized by the World Health Organization, begins on Jan. 19 and continues through to Jan. 23.

Weedless Wednesday is not only for the active smoker but is for the non-smoker as well.

"Weedless Wednesday gives a non-smoker the opportunity to not let themselves be exposed to second-hand smoke," says Linda Rix, health promoter for tobacco use prevention at the Niagara Regional Public Health Department in St. Catharines.

Rix says the day encourages smokers to become a non-smoker for a day or to make a commitment to stop smoking in the future.

"It is a day to make a change in smoking habits."

The public health department has also organized a campaign called Kids Need Breathing Space, Take Your Butt Outside.

The results from the first half of the campaign showed that of 226 parents interviewed who had children aged 13 and under, 71.4 per cent say smoke-free buildings, malls and public places are a good idea, 93 per cent say second-hand smoke is a risk to health and 73.5 per cent say they take their children to smoke permitted areas because they don't have a choice.

"People with children should take the day to ensure their children aren't exposed to second-hand smoke for the day," says Rix.

Two positions up for grabs

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Board of Governors has two positions up for grabs in an election set to take place Feb. 9 to 11.

The board will be looking for new student and faculty representatives to take office in September.

All full-time students and faculty enrolled or employed as of Jan. 1 and adult training students attending Niagara as of Jan. 1 are eligible to run.

Interested students and teachers can find election information in SE-104, H-21 or at the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines, the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls or in the main office at the St. Catharines Campus. The Continuing Education Office, SE-104, will be open between 6:30 p.m and 8:30 p.m.

Potential nominees who have two seconders can pick up nomination forms at the above offices.

Once all nominations have been received, a mandatory meeting outling campaigning rules will be held by board secretary Helene Moscato.

Moscato said election campaigns, which must be funded by the nominee, will run from Jan. 26 to Feb. 8, with balloting to take place on the following three days.

'. . . their most important role is to contribute to the board . . .' — Helene Moscato

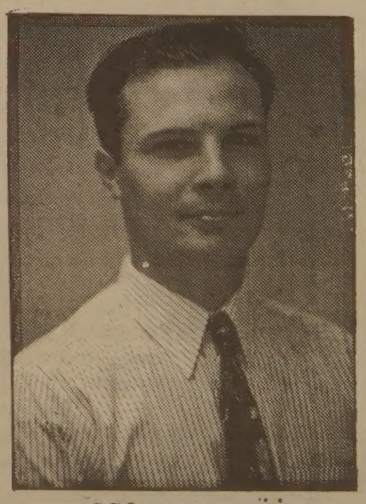
Members of the Niagara College Board of Governors must attend monthly meetings from September to May, may appear at formal functions and will sit on one or more committees for the board.

According to the Ontario Council of Regents, elected representatives will assist the board with responsibilities including the "ongoing evaluation of the college's direction and mission, establishment of college policy and evaluation of college operations and effectiveness."

Moscato said, "While the student and faculty representatives on the board represent their respective group, their most important role is to contribute to the board as a whole."

Scott Budgell, the student representative for 1997-1998, said, "Being a board member, I have met a lot of people in the community . . . key people who may assist in job connections down the road."

"We're always hoping for more," said Moscato.



SCOTT BUDGELL

Budgell was victorious over Jason Chase in the April 1997 election in which 29 ballots were cast.

1998 ELECTION FOR INTERNAL GOVERNORS FACULTY AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FEBRUARY 9, 10 & 11, 1998

This year, Niagara College must elect one Faculty and one Student representative to the Board of Governors for the following terms:

- **FACULTY -SEPTEMBER 1, 1998 TO AUGUST 31, 2001**
- **STUDENT -SEPTEMBER 1, 1998 TO AUGUST 31, 1999**

Those eligible to run are:

- FULL- AND PART-TIME FACULTY EMPLOYED AS OF JANUARY 1, 1998
- FULL- AND PART-TIME STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA PROGRAM AS OF JANUARY 1, 1998
- ADULT TRAINING STUDENTS ATTENDING THE COLLEGE AS OF JANUARY 1, 1998

Nominations will be received from January 6 to 19, 1998, inclusive. Nomination forms together with information about the number of meetings and the role and responsibilities of Governors will be available from the Board Secretary, H-4, and the balloting stations shown below. Each nomination requires two seconders from the nominee's constituent group.

Campaigning will take place from January 26 to February 8, 1998, inclusive. Balloting will take place on February 9, 10 & 11, 1998 between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm with votes counted on February 12. Continuing Education students registered in a program leading to a Diploma or Certificate will be able to vote between the hours of 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm in the Continuing Education Office in Hennepin Hall (H-21) at the Welland Campus or on the Second Floor Office at the St. Catharines Campus. Ballot packages and ballot boxes will be available at the following locations:

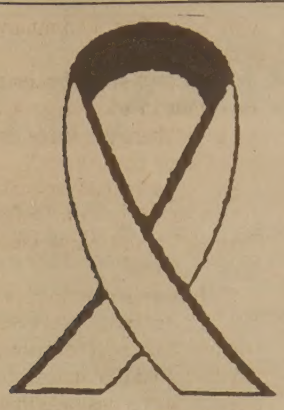
- WELLAND CAMPUS
  - SE-204, ACCESS AND STUDENT SUCCESS DIVISION
  - H-21, CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFICE
- HORTICULTURAL CENTRE, ST. CATHARINES
- MAID OF THE MIST CENTRE, NIAGARA FALLS
- ST. CATHARINES CAMPUS - MAIN OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR

Voter's lists will be available for checking from January 27 to February 2, 1998, inclusive at all above locations. In order to vote, you must be on the Voter's list. The last day for revision to the Voter's list is February 2.

Strictly confidentiality will be maintained in the balloting using two ballot envelopes, one inside the other. On the specified day, the ballot boxes will be opened in the presence of the Returning Officer and the return envelopes stating the name, constituent group and signature will be matched against and recorded on the appropriate Voter listing to ensure one vote per elector. The outer return envelope will then be separated from the ballot envelope to ensure the secrecy of the ballot, and the ballot envelope will be returned to the ballot box pending the count of the votes. After all return envelopes have been checked against the Voters' lists and any disputes with respect to voter eligibility have been resolved, the ballot boxes will be reopened and the count commenced. The Returning Officer will rule on the eligibility of any ballot disputed due to improper marking.

DAN PATTERSON,
PRESIDENT

When memory fails



By MICHELLE ADEY
Staff Writer

Imagine waking up one morning and not being able to remember daily events.

For some people that's the reality of being affected by Alzheimer disease.

January has been declared National Alzheimer Awareness month. It is marked in September in the United States.

Twenty to 30 per cent of people 85 years or older are affected by the disease. The chance of getting the disease increases with age.

Nancy Ferris, executive director for the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region, says there is an estimated 6,000 people in the Niagara Region with Alzheimer disease, the leading cause of dementia.

"The disease is staggering," says Ferris. "By 2030 there will be a three-to-one ratio of people with the disease."

Early stages of the disease begin with forgetting daily events, although the patient can clearly recall events that took place many years ago. Memory loss worsens as the disease progresses and patients forget events that happened years earlier. The final stages of the disease impair abstract reasoning and judgment. Most become bedridden and cannot care for themselves.

Ferris says stairs and bathrooms can become a dangerous environment to the patient so 24-hour care becomes a must.

"As an example, a patient will remember the sensation of brushing his or her teeth and will remember walking into a particular room to do so, but what happens is the person will no longer be able to tell the difference between a toothbrush and a knife," she says.

Niagara College nurse Carolyn Hurst says there is a need to increase awareness of the support groups available.

"Number one, we need to recognize the need for caregivers. Number two, it is wearing on the caregiver and so family members need to support the victim as well as the caregiver," Hurst said.

Alzheimer disease results from the gradual destruction of brain cells. The cause is unknown and there is no cure.

The disease is named after the German psychiatrist and neuropathologist Alois Alzheimer, who first described the disease in 1907.

"Alzheimer disease is a process of unlearning," Ferris says.

In March, the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region will be holding Walk for Memories, a walk-a-thon among seven regional homes.

"The society will also be launching (public awareness campaigns) on the 10 warning signs," she says.

The family support staff with the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region will be having a special program called Treasured Memories for children and teenagers who live with, or visit, a loved one with memory loss. It will be on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m at the Niagara Region Headquarters at 2201 St. David's Rd., Thorold.

For more information contact Cynthia at (905) 687-3914.

10 important warning signs

- **Memory loss that affects day-to-day function**

It's normal to occasionally forget appointments, colleagues' names or a friend's phone number and remember them later. People with Alzheimer disease may forget things more often and not remember them later, especially things that have happened more recently.

- **Difficulty performing familiar tasks**

Busy people can be so distracted from time to time that they may leave the carrots on the stove and only remember to serve them at the end of the meal. People with Alzheimer disease may be unable to prepare any part of a meal or may forget they ate it.

- **Problems with language**

Everyone has trouble finding the right word sometimes, but people with Alzheimer disease may forget simple words or substitute inappropriate words, making their sentences difficult to umderstand.

- **Disorientation of time and place**

It's normal to forget the day of the week or your destination for a moment, but people with Alzheimer disease can become lost on their own street, not knowing how they got there or how to get home.

- **Poor or decreased judgement**

People with Alzheimer disease may sometimes put off going to a doctor if they have an infection as a problem or going to the doctor at all. Or they may dress inappropriately, wearing heavy clothing on a hot day.

- **Problems with abstract thinking**

From time to time, people may find balancing a cheque-book difficult. Someone with Alzheimer disease could forget completely what the numbers are and what needs to be done with them. Celebrating a birthday is something many people do, but people with Alzheimer disease may not understand what a birthday is.

- **Misplacing things**

Anyone can temporarily misplace a wallet or keys. People with Alzheimer disease may put things in inappropriate places: an iron in the freezer or wristwatch in the sugar bowl.

- **Changes in mood or behavior**

Everyone becomes sad or moody from time to time. Someone with Alzheimer disease can exhibit rapid mood swings — from calm to tears to anger — for no apparent reason.

- **Changes in personality**

People's personalities can change somewhat with age. People with Alzheimer disease can change dramatically, becoming extremely confused, suspicious or withdrawn. Changes may also include apathy, fearfulness or acting inappropriately.

- **Loss of initiative**

It's normal to tire of housework, business activities or social obligations, but most people regain their initiative. People with Alzheimer disease may become very passive and require cues and prompting to become involved.

Information supplied by the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region.

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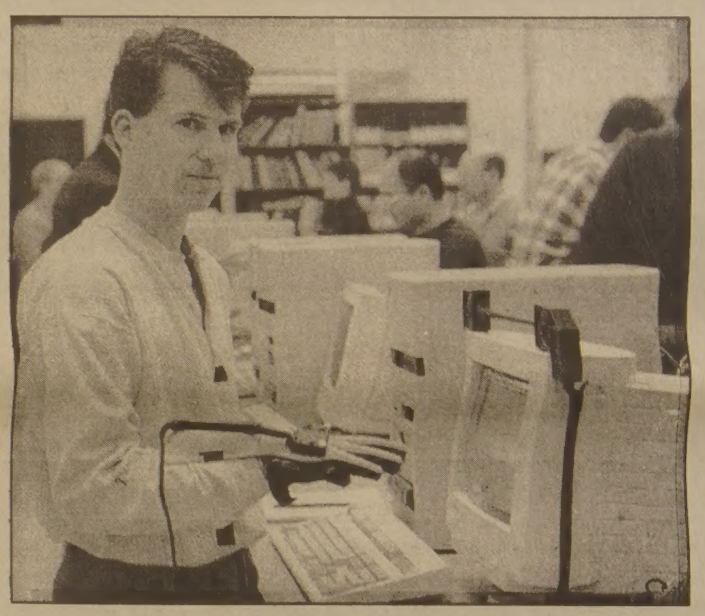


An open house provided fourth-year computer engineering technology students the opportunity to show off before breaking for the Christmas holidays. Top, Heather Demers, 22, demonstrates her electronic temperature controller while instructor Mark Csele looks on. Middle, 27-year-old Steve Dunlop works with his "tech glove," a Nintendo Power Glove modified to serve as a PC mouse. Bottom, Mark Ziegler, 22, left, and Steve Decaro, 27, make some ajustments to their model railroad control system.

Photos by Kevin Harding

YOUTH CHALLENGE

LeClerc speaks out against violence

Violence the issue discussed at youth conference

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

Date rape, racism and violence in society were among the topics discussed in a one-hour speech before the Niagara Youth Challenge Conference in St. Catharines.

One out of every four female teenagers will be date raped before graduation from high school, while one out of three women will be sexually harrassed in high school. So says Serge LeClerc, director of counselling at the Robert Land Academy in Wellandport. He cited these statistics to an audience of young people at Brock University in St. Catharines on Dec. 12.

He said there is no difference between racism and sexism.

They both hurt, LeClerc said, adding the only difference is one picks a color and one picks a gender.

He challenged the young people at the conference to be "the best they could be."

"Be the excellent human beings that you are."

He spoke about how violence in the media has influenced violence in society.

The media uses violence to promote itself, and these programs influence those who watch them, he told the audience. He explained how through his own life experiences he rose above the violence to become what he is today.

He urged his audience "to understand the casual link of violence" and where the media is today.

LeClerc said the first problem of this generation is his generation. He questioned what the government and adults of his generation have done to affect young people in Ontario.

"Your generation faces challenges. Challenges that no generation has faced before.

"You are the first generation to buy serial killer cards," he said, "cards that perpetuate the violence and then we debate whether we can stop this because we may be infringing on the rights to earn a living."

LeClerc said adults have "blown it big time. We have been part of the problem because we have not been part of the solution."

He said television poorly portrays families.

Married With Children, for example, is aired up to four times a day and portrays the family in nothing but negative ways, he said. "The mother is portrayed as a piece of meat and two years into the program she butchered her body in order to have breast implants to better play the part of the piece of meat.

"On one hand we have the most intelligent group of young people ever created, and on the other hand we are watching this kind of television for entertainment," he said.

LeClerc uses the knowledge he received in obtaining three university degrees to prove his points.

"I am a provocative speaker. You may not like what I have to say. I am not here to be popular. I am here to challenge you. I don't care if you agree with me. I want you to come to a conclusion.

"The greatest act of violence is the fact no one says anything to act out against the violence. We are responsible not only for the things we do, but the things we do not do."

Candles burn to fight

Teenagers fight violence

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

The Niagara Youth Challenge Conference (NYCC) held at St. Catharines' Brock University on Dec. 10, encouraged young people to act out against violence.

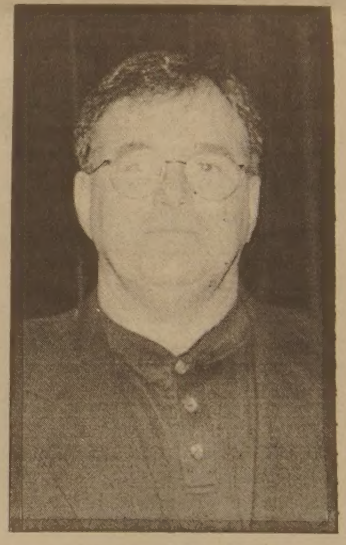
About 400 students from 42 regional high schools participated in the conference organized by area students.

A lit candle was the symbol for the conference and represented one candle lighting the way against violence.

The day consisted of two keynote speakers, Serge LeClerc and Donna French, an awards ceremony and workshops to educate the participants on violence prevention.

"One candle can take away a lot of violence," said Shawn Kingham, 19, one of the 20 student volunteers involved in the conference's organization.

The conference opened with 70 students entering the auditorium at Brock University carrying lit candles, walking to the music of *"Give Peace a Chance."*



SERGE LECLERC

Maggie Babcock, a coach at Brock University, said the conference's aim was to stop one act of violence or stop a victim from becoming victimized.

Jillian Floyd, Natasha Windsor, Morreen Ott, Sandra Porter, Maggie Babcock and Shawn Kinghorn were among many who organized the Niagara Youth Challenge Conference held at Brock University on Dec. 10.

Photo by Tineke Bruinsma

Local students awarded for job well done

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

Local students recently received awards for acting out against violence.

The first Niagara Youth awards were presented Dec. 12 at the Niagara Youth Challenge Conference (NYCC) held in the Playhouse Theatre, at Brock University in St. Catharines.

The awards are issued to students who have worked towards an awareness and prevention of youth violence. The presenters of the awards were Chief Grant Waddell, of the Niagara Regional Police, Fotini Iconomopoulos, Youth of the Year for St. Catharines, and Chris Grimwood, Junior Citizen of the Year for Niagara-on-the-Lake. Each had kind words to say about the award recipients.

The three recipients were Tara Oatway and Sue Im, two Grade 12 students from Kernahan Park Secondary School in St. Catharines, and Michelle Alton, an OAC student at Notre Dame Secondary School in Welland.

Each of the students is involved in her school community and has made a significant effort towards stopping violence.

The award recipients were selected by the Niagara Violence Prevention Coalition in conjunction with the NYCC.

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'He's still my Little Brother,' Temchuk

Big Brothers is for people who want to get involved with children

By SARAH TAMMI
Staff Writer

Eleven years ago Garry Temchuk became a Big Brother. Recently he had the opportunity to be reacquainted with his Little Brother, now old enough to be a big brother himself.

"The main goal of Big Brothers, traditionally, was to make a one-on-one match with a child and committed volunteer with similar interests, who would meet on a weekly basis and hopefully become mutual friends," said Carmel Dube, the office manager of the Big Brother office in St. Catharines.

The Big Brothers of America was founded in New York in 1903.

Temchuk, 35, is originally from Sudbury, Ont., and lives in Niagara Falls. He had been working with children for many years as a hockey and baseball coach.

"I decided to take it one step further," Temchuk said. Becoming a Big Brother "just seemed like a natural progression for me."

Stephane Lambert, Temchuk's former Little Brother, is 24 years old and lives in Elliot Lake. Temchuk was told that because of Lambert's age at the time "he was on his last chance."

"He's still my Little Brother," Temchuk said. "Although we're miles apart, we're still the best of friends and will always be friends — great friends."

He explained how, since he works the night shift at Casino Niagara, this is the first time he isn't able to coach hockey or baseball.

"I realized there was something missing from my life," Temchuk said.

He decided to sign up, once again, as a big brother. Even though he works odd shift hours, he still has at least three or four hours a week to spare.

"With Steph it would be three or four days a week, sometimes even seven," Temchuk said. "That's how close we were."

The first step to becoming a Big Brother is making the decision to do so.

"You have to fill out an application form and provide us with four references," Dube said. "Afterwards we do a police check."

Then a screening process is started. A board decides whether or not the volunteer is accepted.

"There are meetings with a case worker and an in-depth questionnaire."

After the screening process has been completed, the volunteer is given backgrounds on a couple of children with similar interests.

"Most times they hit it off," Dube said.

Temchuk explains how that was the case with his first Little Brother. Not only did he become a Big Brother to Lambert, he became a part of the whole family.

"It becomes a family thing," Temchuk said. "I'd be invited for Thanksgiving and Christmas. (At Christmas) I would exchange gifts with not only Steph, but with his sister and mother as well."

Temchuk said he hopes the same thing will happen with his next Little Brother, but he's "not going in with rose-colored glasses."

"I'm being very realistic," Temchuk said. "I'm not anticipating another Steph. Each relationship is unique and needs to mature in its own way."

Temchuk is well into the process of getting another Little Brother. He must wait before the police check has been completed before he is able to go on.

"It (police check) is a great idea and I'm glad Big Brothers does it, but I've never had to wait this long the first time," Temchuk said.

Temchuk said the long waiting period is one area that could use a little improvement.

"It gives a lot of people the chance to say 'maybe not' and may take a lot of good people out of the program."

"I know the reward and it's well worth the wait, but you can't know until you are in a Big Brother / Little Brother relationship," Temchuk said.

He said he believes the police could make changes in order to speed up the process and become more actively involved. The shorter wait should encourage more people to get involved in a "very rewarding program . . . I will wait as long as it takes," he said.

"I recommend it to anyone wanting to get involved with kids," Temchuk said. "It's a joy and a great experience."

His coaching has allowed Temchuk to work with more than 300 children in the past 14 years. He said he enjoys being able to help or influence young people. He explains how great it is "to see a kid smile because of something you did or said."

Temchuk tells of how people will question why he'd bother working with children for all these years with no financial pay. His answer is simple: "Seeing a smile on a kid's face, that's payment enough."

Crime Stoppers month

By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

January is a bad month to be a crook.

This month has been proclaimed Crime Stoppers Month throughout North America.

Gail Davidson, assistant co-ordinator with the Crime Stoppers Unit (CSU) of the Niagara Regional Police (NRP), said, "Each local CSU throughout the country would be planning their own programs and events to increase awareness of Crime Stoppers.

"The NRP had restructured the CSU in November and December," she said. "Due to the changes, it had been difficult for them to organize any events for January.

"Events are being planned that will take place throughout the year. It will be an ongoing process," Davidson said.

"In the Niagara Region, the program has resulted in 872 arrests, over 2,300 cases cleared and nearly $4 million (worth) in recovered stolen property and seized narcotics.

"There has been a definite increase in the number of cases solved in the region due to Crime Stoppers' help," she said.

Greg MacAleese, a detective with the Albuquerque, New Mexico Police Department, originated the idea for Crime Stoppers more than 20 years ago to help solve a murder. MacAleese offered a reward on television to anyone who could provide information about the crime. In a short time, MacAleese had two offenders in custody.

"MacAleese is retired from the police force," Davidson said, "but continues to support the Crime Stoppers program and speaks all over the world."

Crime Stoppers is a partnership between the local police service, the media and the community. It operates in 95 communities across Canada. Crime Stoppers' programs worldwide have resulted in 113,000 arrests, clearing more than 600,000 cases since 1976.

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Social dilemma

It was a tragedy waiting to happen. An unnecessary, preventable tragedy.

Thirteen-year-old Christina Ann Corrigan died Nov. 19, 1996, in her El Cerrito, Calif., home of heart failure, covered in feces and bedsores.

She weighed 680 pounds.

Marlene, her mother, claims she begged for help from doctors, teachers and child welfare officials, but was told by the welfare workers that "obesity wasn't a problem they handled." Records show that Christina had seen a doctor 90 times by her ninth birthday. Nothing was done.

Marlene, 48, is facing the felony charge of child endangerment that could place her in jail for up to six years.

Fine then, blame and punish the mother. Also blame the child welfare officials who couldn't be bothered. Blame the girl's neighbors, doctors, teachers and the community that should have been there for this child.

Christina's mother may have failed her, but so did society. We all failed her.

Jennifer Cote

Time served

One more Tory casualty.

In September 1999, Ontario's new education system will be implemented.

Along with the elimination of Grade 13, students will be entering the community.

During a four-year period students will be required to volunteer 40 hours to the community.

Ontario is the only province with a five-year high school system. Eliminating one year will save taxpayers $350 million a year. This saving is supposed to "ensure" all high school graduates have "fair" access to college and university.

This $350 million "saving" is coming at the students' expense.

What exactly is "fair access" to college and university? Do we not already have that? Is the statement just a clever euphemism for the 30 per cent personal income tax cut promised in the Common Sense Revolution by Premier Mike Harris?

Why not reinvest the money in schools needing equipment and space?

Who will ultimately foot the bill for this revolutionary new face of education — the students of Ontario or the government?

Brenda Beaven

The Special Needs office
at Niagara College's Welland campus
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The Centre for Students with Disabilities.

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CRIME STOPPERS OF NIAGARA

Man, 33, missing

Mark Bird, also known as Mark Turner, is still missing.

On March 17, 1997, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Bird drove his unplated 1983 Oldsmobile Cutlass, two door, silver and burgundy to Niagara Falls.

At 4 p.m. the vehicle was found in the parking lot of the Fallsway Motel/Golden Griddle on Clifton Hill.

There was no sign of Bird and he has not been heard from since.

Bird is described at 6'2", 180 pounds, medium build, long bushy brown hair and blue eyes.

Bird was born March 14, 1964. At the time of his disappearance he was wearing a black, hooded San Francisco 49ers jacket, a blue plaid shirt, blue or black jeans and size 14 black winter boots.

Bird was depressed over recent medical problems.

If you have any information regarding Mark Bird, please call Crime Stoppers of Niagara at 1-800-262-8477 or 1-800-222-TIPS. As in all cases you will not be asked to reveal your name and you do not have to testify in court. And remember that Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display.

The Niagara Regional Police, in co-operation with Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., writes the column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax-deductible donations and cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P.O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 7A3.

Damaged lawn

By MARK TEMPLE
Staff Writer

Niagara Regional Police were called to inspect the damage created by a driver who tore up a swath of lawn at Niagara College.

On Friday, Jan. 9, at around 11 a.m., campus security responded to a call about a motorist and discovered about a half acre of furrowed lawn, north of the college's Mackenzie building. Tire tracks cut circles and long stretches, some measuring over 50 metres, into the grassy field.

Rick Demers, head of college security, was unavailable for comment. However, Mal Woodhouse, head of Niagara's property maintenance, who was unaware of the damages, said the college may plan to build on the site, in which case the damages would be irrelevant.

Our publishing dates

After a one month Christmas holiday, the second-year Journalism-Prints program students are back to their studies, which includes writing, editing, layout and photography for seven more editions of the Niagara News.

Here is our remaining publishing dates:

*** **Friday, Jan. 23** with a special Niagara College—Super Bowl supplement.

*** **Friday, Jan. 23.**

*** **Friday, Feb. 5** with a Lifestyles, Spring, Bridal and Travel supplement.

*** **Friday, Feb. 12.**

*** **Friday, March 5.**

*** **Friday, March 12.**

*** **Friday, March 19** with our second annual Music Band supplement.

The Journalism-Print program's first-year students will publish two editions of the Niagara News — on April 3 and April 17.

Your opinions are welcome

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2. Each letter must include the writer's name, college identification number and program of study.
3. All letters must be signed and include a day and evening phone number for verification use only.

All letters can be mailed or brought to the Niagara News newsroom, Rm. S212, Simcoe Building, Welland campus.

From The Hip

Christmas away from home hurts

By TRACY JAY
Staff Writer

I lived with my family in Nova Scotia before coming to Niagara College last January.

This year my family and friends asked me when I would be returning for the Christmas holidays.

I thought about the decision a lot. I discussed the situation with my family, friends and boyfriend of only two months. No one said I had to go home. My boyfriend's aunt even gave me an open invitation to join their family throughout the holiday season.

I weighed all the pros and cons of going home: the cost, traveling time and the type of travel, but also the thought of seeing my family and old friends again.

Nova Scotia is 2,000 km from Toronto. The cost of a return flight was $450. The train cost $300 return, but took 16 hours each way. The bus cost even more, and took longer than the train.

In early November, I reluctantly decided not to return home for Christmas. I went through many emotional stages and changed my mind about six times that month, and even more in December. Two days before Christmas I debated going home for the last time.

I spent the holidays with my boyfriend's family. They treated me with great kindness throughout all of their festive events.

I called my own family on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It hurt when they told me the things they were doing — traditional family things I never thought I'd miss.

It was hard being away from my family, especially during the season that is supposed to bring families together.

I was lucky though. My boyfriend's family made my Christmas memorable. They made me comfortable and welcome.

I'd like to thank them for showing me such kindness when I was most homesick and giving me an open invitation into their family.

If I had to make the same decision, I don't think I'd be so quick to cancel out the option of going home. Christmas is a time for family togetherness. You can't put a price on that or use an extensive travel time as a justifiable excuse. A phone call home can't compare to being there.

However, lucky for me, there were people around who cared and made sure I was happy and well taken care of during the Christmas season.

A big thanks to all those people, everywhere.

Fans grieve worldwide

By CARLY ANDREWS
Staff Writer

This year got off to a sad start with the accidental death of singer, comedian and politician Sonny Bono.

When my father passed away in September 1995, I wondered how I could look forward to another new year, each one inching closer to the new millennium.

I have not spent a New Year's Eve with my father since I was three years old so I didn't miss much on Dec. 31, 1995.

Death never affected me before. I had a friend I went to school with from Grades 7 through 10 who was killed in a car accident more than three years ago, but it didn't hit me until I listened to one of the songs she used to sing over and over again. Since that day, I have not thought of her death as a sad thing until I hear that song (*Freedom* by George Michael).

Then my father died and the deaths of people I have never met make me cry out loud. I still cry over my father's death knowing I was supposed to visit him at the hospital that day and I stayed home like a coward.

This past July, Gianni Versace was murdered and although I hated most of his clothing designs, I cried because it was a senseless killing.

Actor James Stewart, 89, died peacefully surrounded by his family. For five straight days I popped classic films of his into my VCR and cried some more.

On Aug. 31, I was watching *Saturday Night Live* and the announcement of Princess Diana's death made me scream down to my grandparents at the other end of the house: "Oh my God!"

Mother Theresa of Calcutta, 87, died less than a week after Diana was killed in the Paris underground tunnel. I was more affected because she had devoted her life to helping lepers in the ghettos of India wanting nothing more in return than gratitude. I cried again.

John Denver died in an airplane crash, INXS lead singer Michael Hutchence committed suicide, and Chris Farley died of a heart attack from a combination of alcohol and drugs just before 1997 finished.

It's easy to think these deaths don't mean anything to "common people" like us. Our lives are just as important as the life of Sonny Bono who died accidentally on Jan. 5. We should not take each day for granted as we approach the dawn of the 21st century.

Yes, we can cry for the royal family as they mourn the loss of Diana and we can shed tears for the poor children of India as their most beloved nun has passed on to a better place, but we must not lose sight of the passing of people around us.

It scared me to think that death had no affect on me until someone close to my heart had died. I had not seen my father in 15 years before his death, but it hurts more to know exactly where he is and to know he will never again appear on my doorstep one day asking me to welcome him back into my life.

My wish for the new year is to enjoy life.

'Don't talk to me! Promise-breaker.'

By JENN WALKER
Staff Writer

I learned something over the holidays from a little girl.

I was taking a walk through my neighborhood one morning. A little girl no older than nine was leaving a "friend's" house with her overnight bags in one hand and an old tattered quilt in the other. The quilt was dragging behind her, the tail of it sliding through the slush. She was walking quickly with her head down.

"Bye Margaret," another little girl called out from her window.

The girl kept walking, ignoring the gesture.

"Bye Margaret," the girl in the window said again, in a louder voice.

The girl stopped in her tracks, turned around, scowling and yelled back to the girl in the window.

"Don't talk to me! Promise-breaker!"

She turned away, continued walking home with her blanket dragging in the snow.

The little girl in the window looked as if she couldn't have cared less. She closed the window. My guess is she called another friend over to play instead.

It occurred to me how honest these girls were. This is normal for children. If they don't like the situation, they leave. They don't stick around to be polite or make excuses to leave. They just do it.

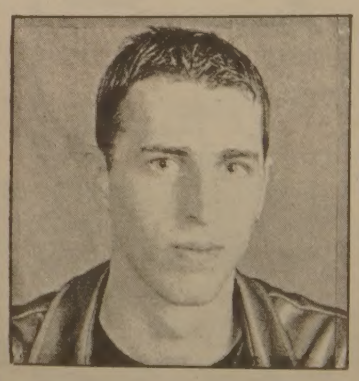
We are taught to be honest and then as we grow up it's suddenly normal to tell small lies to avoid hurting others' feelings. But what about our feelings? We *hurt ourselves by putting up with* other people's lies and broken promises.

Ironically, I had a promise broken to me that morning thus the reason for the walk. At that moment I, too, wished to yell out "promise-breaker!" Of course, I could never do that. Not any more.

I wish that for one day I could have that childlike mentality back. Imagine how liberating it would feel to just yell out what you thought.

I was so proud of that little girl. That used to be me.

Professional athletes unhealthy role models



By A.J. JEFFREY
Staff Writer

Drugs, guns and booze.

You might think these items would be associated with hoodlums, but these are causing problems for some of our own sports heroes.

Professional athletes are supposed to be good role models for young people, but some spend more time in court than on the court, in the arena or on the field.

Let's start in the National Football League with the Dallas Criminals, I mean Cowboys.

Instead of Monday Night Football, these guys should be on America's Most Wanted.

With Michael Irvin's arrest for using cocaine and soliciting a prostitute, Leon Lett's one-year suspension for repeated drug abuse, and head coach Barry Switzer's being caught with a loaded gun in the airport, the Cowboys' team picture could resemble a police lineup.

In the National Hockey League, Chicago Blackhawks enforcer Bob Probert has spent time in prison for attempting to smuggle drugs into the country. He was banned from Canada for a lengthy period before being allowed to return.

In Major League Baseball, Chicago White Sox slugger Albert Belle's on-field misbehavior and off-the-field antics, such as gambling and chasing young children, have been well documented. With Tony Phillips' cocaine abuse and Wil Cordero's being charged with spousal abuse, baseball also has a few players not worthy of role-model status.

The winner, however, of my Most Valuable Criminal Award, goes to the National Basketball Association's Dennis Rodman. In the past year, Rodman has dressed as a bride, kicked a cameraman in the groin, head-butted an official and co-starred in a really bad movie. Enough said.

Why these millionaire athletes act like high school hooligans is beyond me, but I hope they realize that good role models they are not.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Week of Wintercourse events planned

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Who says winter can't be fun?

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has created a week for Niagara College students to gather up a team to compete in the Event Formerly Known as Wintercourse from Jan. 26 to 30.

Michael Berry, 23, SAC's vice-president of athletic affairs, is the organizer of the week-long event.

Last year's event was called Snow Fest. Between seven and 10 teams participated last year.

"This year we've planned the event sooner than other years and most of the events will be held indoors so the weather won't be a problem," said Berry.

Students can sign up their team of four to six members in the SAC office. Each team must have one female on the squad. The first 50 students who sign up will receive a free T-shirt.

The kickoff begins Monday, Jan. 26, with two events, the first being Pass Your Balls. This will include team members lying on the ground head to toe and then each member must pass a ball to a teammate by only using his or her feet.

The Great Ski Off will be the other event for that day. Each team will race on two skis that will hold four team members. The events will take place behind After Hours. If there is no snow that day then a substitute event will be played in After Hours that will involve team members passing Lifesavers mouth-to-mouth to each team member using toothpicks.

MICHAEL BERRY

On Tuesday, the event Playing With Yourself Pays Off will consist of a playstation competition that will have team members play a video game. The highest score will win. This event will be held in After Hours.

Jello Sucking Chili Chucking Vomit Ducking Eat Out, also known as a chili and Jello eating contest, will be Wednesday's event held in After Hours. Pea Sucking will be the other event that day. It will include team members using straws to suck peas and to blow them into a bottle of water.

Prepare your singing voices for the Wailing Cat Karaoke event at After Hours for the final event on Thursday at After Hours.

All events will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Teams can pick up their prizes on Friday at After Hours during the award's ceremony beginning at 12:30 p.m. The first-place team will receive a limousine for eight hours on a decided evening and each member will also receive $100.

The second-place team will receive a $25 Cineplex Odeon gift certificate, a Wintercourse sweatshirt and SAC paraphernalia for each member.

The third-place team will receive a $15 Blockbuster Gift Certificate, Wintercourse sweatshirts and SAC paraphernalia for each member.

"We've had a good turnout in past years and I think this year's event will be successful and the prizes are attractive enough to get the students to attend the event," said Berry.

SAC stays within budget during first semester

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC) spent $8,738.93 in December. SAC has spent $143,533.35 during the first semester.

View An Ad is a Toronto-based company handling advertising for the yearbook to be distributed at graduation.

The $1,826.91 was the cost for an architect's designs for the new student centre to be built at the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls.

SAC has purchased bus passes for this month. Students can buy them at the SAC office for $18.

Everest Industries is a St. Catharines company that upgraded three computers in the SAC office with Microsoft Windows '95 and Microsoft Office '97.

Punchline Promotions is a company based in Etobicoke that produces SAC wear.

"We (SAC) have followed along a budget all semester and we are well within that budget," said SAC President Don Woodruff.

These are a few of the funds committed by the Student Administrative Council in December.	
View An Ad	$2,703.89
Maid of the Mist Student Council	$1,826.91
Welland Transit City Hall	$1,225.00
Everest Industries	$ 805.00
Entertainment (Children's Xmas party)	$ 375.00
Punchline Promotions	$ 357.08

Events such as the Air Olympics, the Blind Date and the Shinerama Campaign were events in the first semester with high costs.

Woodruff said they gave two events "a go and they flunked." These were trips to see theatrical performances, one at the Niagara-on-the-Lake's Shaw Festival and the other at St. Catharines' Brock University's Centre for the Performing Arts.

"There are three events this semester — the Year End Bash, The Event Formerly Known as Wintercourse and the Sexual Assault Awareness Week — that will take big chunks out of the budget."

Woodruff said if any students have suggestions regarding what the student activity fee of $132 should be spent on, they should call the SAC office.

He shoots! He scores!

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

A chance to see a live National Hockey League game before players head for Nagano, Japan is approaching.

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC) has prepared the first sports excursion of 1998 for Niagara students.

Michael Berry, 23, SAC's vice-president of athletic affairs, organized the event.

The bus will depart Feb. 4 for Buffalo, N.Y., from in front of the Welland campus's Mackenzie building at 5:15 p.m. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. when the Buffalo Sabres face-off against the visiting Boston Bruins at the Midland Marine Centre.

Tickets for the game cost $35 which includes transportation. SAC will cover the cost of the bus and the exchange on the tickets that were originally $36 US. There are 30 tickets available.

"I hope it is successful and I think the game is going to be very popular. I believe students have a great interest in hockey here," Berry said.

Students are asked to bring personal identification and a passport or birth certificate with them for crossing the border.

Niagara students can purchase their tickets at the SAC office, which is located in After Hours.

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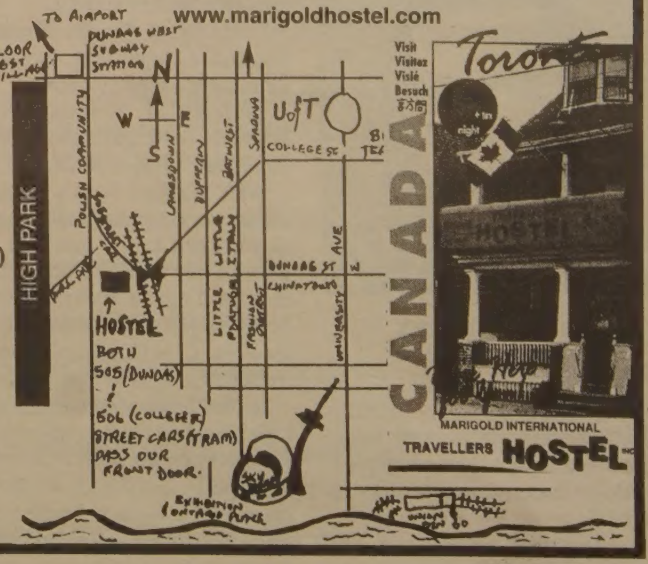

Generosity results in excess supply

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Many Niagara College students and faculty donated nonperishable items to support the Christmas food drive, but many food items still remain in the Student Administrative Council (SAC) office.

Tiffany Fox, 22, SAC's vice-president of internal affairs, organized the food drive at the end of November.

Fox said there was a lot of food donated by students and faculty members collected from the boxes set up around the college.

"There is still a lot of food left and I had wished there was as much food going out as there was coming in because only about 10 people picked up food."

Food can still be picked up by any needy student in the SAC office. The nonperishable items will be available while supplies last and until the winter break which starts Feb. 23. All leftover items will be donated to the Welland Food Bank.

"I thought more students would have needed food because money and OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Plan) runs low around this time of year."

Fox said SAC will run the food drive again next year because it doesn't take much effort to plan and run an event that benefits the needy as long as everyone in SAC co-operates.

"Last year the food drive seemed to work, but this year I don't know what happened."

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Niagara tourism new to Internet

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

Six months and $300,000 later, 13 Niagara College graduates have launched the Niagara Gateway multimedia project.

The project, launched last month in Niagara Falls, was funded by Human Resources Development Canada.

There are two major components the Niagara students have been working on. The first was produced for the Ontario Investment Service (OIS), a division of the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism.

A new multimedia profile of the Niagara Region will be part of the OIS's information used to attract investors via personal presentations and on the OIS's Internet site.

The second and larger component of the Niagara Gateway project is a CD-ROM program that will be used to promote and market the region. The program, titled *Niagara - Ontario's Tourism Gateway*, contains nearly 240 screens in five categories — Niagara Works, Tourism is our Business, Roots and Routes, Naturally Niagara and Niagara's People.

Users can browse the program containing video, graphics, audio and animations in a similar fashion to browsing an Internet website.

Because of the similarities to a website, converting the program to a format suitable to the Internet will be fairly simple.

It will soon be posted as a site at the Niagara Regional Headquarters in Thorold.

"Some students have been hired to work on other projects," said Leo Tiberi, director of the Information and Computer Technology Division.

Tool page may crash server

By MARK HRADSKY
Staff Writer

A new term starts again. Back to the old books and pencils. There is always a bright side to school: the school paper.

In it, you come across this article and find that it is all about excellent Web pages. Three excellent pages, to be exact.

First, Virtual Hate has created a Tool page. No, not THAT tool — Tool, the band. The only problem with the page is it is on Geocities, http://www.geocities.com/Area51/4149 to be exact. We all know how Geocities is: a free Web space but liable to crash the server. This could be the best site for Tool-related things. It has everything, including a guitar, bass, and drum tab section and a Tool FAQ (frequently asked questions) article. You can sign up for the mailing list and it holds videos and music of Tool as well. This page kicks as a good, old-fashioned Tool resource on the Web.

Next up, http://www.windupent.com/creed. This is Creed's homepage. Creed is a somewhat new band from Florida. If you listen to the radio at all, you've heard their single *My Own Prison*. The nice part about this site is they give away free stuff. A free Creed screensaver is downloadable off the site.

Creed has released an acoustic version of *My Own Prison* which is not available in stores, although you can listen to it off their Web page if you have realaudio. There is a movie you can download of them playing *My Own Prison* in concert and sound files of many other songs so you get a taste of their music. This also is an excellent band site and highly worth the surf to the page.

Last up, for those video game enthusiasts, http://www.xtremegaming.com/. This is "the Net's BIGGEST cheat database," as they claim. It may actually be as well, for I have not found any better. They have cheat codes for the PC, Playstation, Nintendo 64, Saturn, and the Arcade (something that I have not seen much of). They even have a request and submit form so surfers can submit their own cheats or request a cheat for a game. This is an extremely well-developed site and an excellent source for the codes that will help you win the game.

So, back to school, back to the Net. These sites may brighten your rainy, work-filled day a little :}.

Dark forces sequel hot seller

Join the dark force

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

Watching the Star Wars Trilogy videos is nothing compared to being in them.

In Jedi Knight, a computer game released in the fall by LucasArts Entertainment, you become one of the major players.

In one of the opening (and poorly done) animation scenes, you learn that you will take the role of Kyle Katarn, a young mercenary with a history of crushing the Empire.

The idea is that you, as Katarn, must stop seven Dark Jedi from unlocking the powers of a hidden Jedi burial ground. This leaves you with a tough decision.

Should you attempt to stop them and face seemingly unbeatable enemies? Or should you slide over to the dark side and be rewarded with the hidden powers?

While it may seem like another shoot-'em-up game, a newly designed build engine has turned this game into one of the best role playing games on the market.

Jedi Knight comes as the sequel to Dark Forces, another role playing game with a Star Wars theme.

The difference, aside from beefed up graphics and sound, is that the sequel has a unique environment.

When you play the game you begin to feel as if you are actually on an enemy ship, or wherever the battle may take you.

Another addition to Jedi Knight is an expanded weapon list. Topping the list is the all-powerful lightsabre. This can be used to fight with, block shots, cut your way into vents and shed light on a dark hallway.

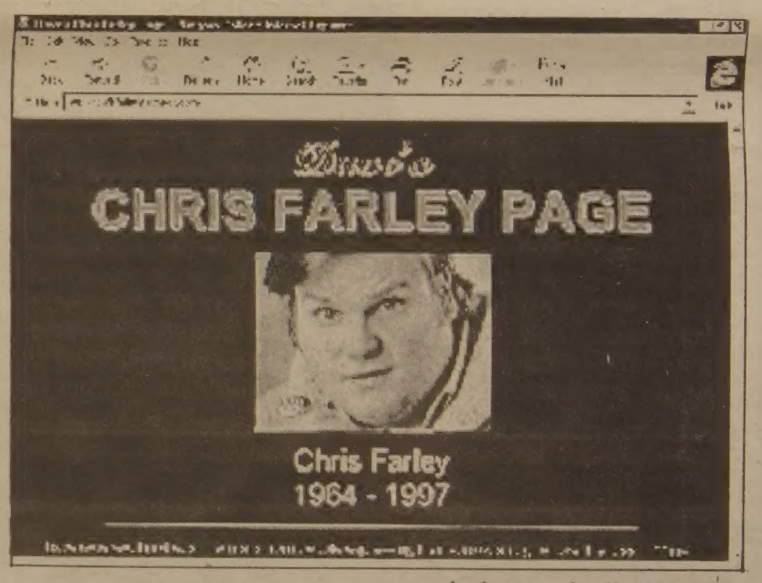
Although LucasArts recommends a Pentium 90 to play the game, when tested on a Pentium 100, it was choppy. This is a regular occurrence among game producers. They recommend the game at a lower speed so that more people will buy it.

A good way to get around this is to test the game on your system before you spend the $50 to $60.

The demo copy of Jedi Knight is available on LucasArts' Internet site. This can be accessed at www.lucasarts.com/static/jk/html/demo_download.htm.

On the site there is also a spot from which you can download Microsoft DirectX 5. This is a software driver package required to play Jedi Knight and other top-notch games.

Death of Farley spawns websites



By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

The funny man might be gone but his memory lives on.

Just hours after the death of Chris Farley was announced last month, Web sites began popping up all over the Internet with a tribute to the comedian as the subject.

One of the best sites is www.angelfire.com/hi/hoki/cfarley.html. This site has a well-written memorial of Farley as well as numerous pictures and sound clips of him.

For an overall site containing news, video clips, sound bites and many links, go to headlines.yahoo.com/Full_Coverage/Entertainment/Chris_Farley_Dies/. This site, owned by search engine company Yahoo, is incredibly well organized.

While most of the sites have a more serious setting, one Web site goes in the opposite direction. The Chris Farley area in the Dead Celebrities Joke Page contains 11 jokes and a mock up of Elton John's tribute to Princess Diana called *Donut in the Wind*.

While some people may find this site offensive, there is a large statement on the opening page warning about the content. Many Farley fans, like myself, should find the site funny and realize that it is not meant to hurt anyone.

That page can be reached at members.aol.com/ ocmark111/ farley2.htm.

Farley was found dead in a friend's Chicago condominium in the middle of December. Original reports said he died from a heart attack but an autopsy revealed that he did, as many suspected, die of a drug overdose.

He died at 33, the same age that John Belushi, his drug-addicted idol died of an overdose.

INTERNATIONAL

Vocational education main attraction

At high school in Niagara Falls

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

Vocational education was the main topic of discussion when 18 visiting Indonesian principals toured a Niagara Falls high school that focuses on technology.

The visit was aimed at showing the principals how a vocational school works in Ontario. The principals, who spent much of their time with officials from Niagara College, were expected to take the ideas they learned back to their schools in Indonesia.

The principals visited the Niagara Falls Secondary School Centre for Skills and Technology on Dec. 10.

John Watson, principal of the Niagara Falls school, spoke to the group about the history and the goals of the school.

"The system runs using magnet schools," he said, explaining magnet schools are schools from the surrounding community that send their students to the vocational school. The school sends representatives to area high schools in hopes of selling the idea of vocational education to the students.

"We are truly a community school with many facets to it."

Judy Reid, in charge of adult retraining at the school, said adult upgrading courses can be taken, such as math, English, woodworking and welding.

The high school offers students an opportunity to learn how to sell themselves, including an internship program which helps them become better suited for the job market.

Patty Buchanan, who teaches in the Hospitality and Tourism program at the seconday school, said people take the government retraining courses when they plan to switch careers.

'The system runs using magnet schools,' — John Watson

During the discussion that followed the presentation by the school officials, the Indonesian principals were prompted to ask questions about aspects they wanted to have clarified.

Abri Eko Noerjanto asked about the curriculum and how it is developed.

"The principal is more like an entrepreneur. We get to develop curriculum that we feel is needed," replied Watson.

He said school officials sit down and get a chance to do things differently by examining options chosen by students from past years.

"The most popular program is the computer animation and technology course," said Watson.

Watson said they take what the students want and make up the curriculum from there. The committee that makes up the curriculum looks at the option sheets and the number of students who sign up for certain courses. Then they hire a teacher to teach the course. They also look at the needs of the community.

The school has an advisory committee that advises the school on the needs in the community. The advisory committee consists of business people, not parents.

"They give us input about how the community feels about this or that and what our image is within the community," said Watson.

Watson ended the discussion saying that vocational training has evolved in Ontario. Some shops have died off and some new ones have been created. Following the discussion period the principals received a tour of the school.

The commercial baking facility, cosmetology department and the computer animation department were all part of the tour.

Following the tour the principals received snacks baked by the commercial baking students.

Principals said farewell

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

It was an emotional farewell to 12 weeks of hospitality and tourism.

Indonesian principals visiting Niagara College said goodbye to their Canadian friends at a dinner held at the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls on Dec. 18.

The dinner was a graduation ceremony for the principals to end their stay in Canada. The principals were visiting the college in order to study the hospitality and tourism program.

The graduation ceremony included a meal served by the Maid the Mist students, several heartfelt speeches by those who were involved in the program and the distribution of diplomas.

"I can't believe it was three months ago that you were exhausted and had your luggage misplaced," said Jos Nolle, manager of the International Education department at Niagara College.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson said, "I see us as journeymen. I think the most important thing we can do is add value to another's journey. I hope Niagara College has enriched your stay."

Patterson said he would miss them and thanked technology for the opportunity to stay in contact by way of e-mail.

"I admire your dedication and I'm sure it will be very joyous when you return home."

Patterson explained what the principals had been studying — the tourism business and the curriculum at the vocational schools — and what the principals hoped to do when they returned home on Dec. 23.

Damian Goulbourne, the program co-ordinator, said, "I apologize for my English accent," as he opened an emotional speech. He thanked the principals and his colleagues.

Damian Goulborne, Indonesian principals program co-ordinator, hugs Indonesian principal Rismapita Saragih, at the Dec.18 graduation ceremony held in the Kerrio Room at the Maid of the Mist Centre, in Niagara Falls.

Photo by Tineke Bruinsma

"Your dedication, hardwork and knowledge is just amazing," said Goulborne. "You are fantastic people."

The last person to speak was the chosen leader of the Indonesian group, Abri Eko Noerjanto.

"I am afraid I cannot speak because of my emotion, because we are leaving you," said Noerjanto.

He thanked the faculty and those he dealt with on a personal basis, especially logistics co-ordinator Jhim Burwell, a 1997 graduate of the college's Journalism-Print program, and Goulborne. The two men offered 24-hour and seven-day-a-week service to the principals during their stay.

Following the speeches, the official part of the evening began. Each principal received four different diplomas and several tokens of friendship and appreciation.

The evening was brought to a close with a song. The principals gathered at the the front of the Kerrio Room at the Maid the Mist Centre and sang a traditional Indonesian song.

Students held back

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

The economy has been affecting many students' hopes of studying abroad.

Niagara College's International Education Department has always found a big market in South Korea for students coming to the college.

However, because of the current currency crisis in Korea, eight students decided not to come to Niagara.

"We did have five ESL (English as a Second Language program) students and three post-secondary students who were supposed to come this January," says Sean Coote, international student adviser, "but they all cancelled because of the wan (Korean currency)."

Coote says, one year ago, one Canadian dollar equalled about 600 Korean wan, but now the wan's value has doubled.

Over the past couple of months, the Korean economy has weakened, resulting in the closing of some banks and financial institution.

"I wonder what the government did before the problem happened," says Sang Hun Choi, 25, an ESL student from Korea.

Choi says there have been many bankruptcies, including major Korean banks, that went out of business.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Korea have reached an agreement that the IMF will assist the country by providing $60 billion in interim financing.

Choi says he's concerned about the possibility other countries, such as the United States, will, in time, want to control the financially weakened country.

"We'll overcome this situation, but the problem is how long will it take," says Choi.

Coote says he hopes the new Korean President, Dae-jung Kim, elected last Dec. 19, will bring new economic life to the country.

"The students are just sitting and waiting for what will happen," says Coote, adding in May he hopes to see the students who didn't show up this January.

Coote says the department has, so far, received applications from two Korean students for the next term and will be expecting Korean students to come next term or whenever it's possible for them.

Journalist to speak Jan. 20

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Wagamese will address students from the Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film program, the Journalism-Print program, and the Law and Security Administration program in the Hamilton Room between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

He will also speak to students from the Social Service Worker program at 12:30 p.m. in the Hennepin Hall.

Wagamese will discuss many topics with students, including the recent apology by the federal government to aboriginal peoples for more than a century of abuse.

Wagamese was the first aboriginal Canadian to win a National Newspaper Award for his columns in the Calgary Herald. He is an accomplished fiction writer, radio producer, newscaster, storyteller and teacher.

A lecture is planned at McMaster University, in Hamilton, on Jan. 20. The lecture will be held in Chester New Hall, sixth floor, Room 607 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

INTERNATIONAL

Welcome to Niagara, new international students

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

Niagara College is reaching out to more countries.

The nine English as a Second Language (ESL) program students from Colombia, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines and Spain, have joined the 20 returning ESL students.

"We have a lot more from different countries," says Sean Coote, international student adviser. "I think it will make the class more interesting."

The ESL program now has its first students from Germany and the Philippines.

"I'm very excited about this because last term my classmates were mostly Korean and Japanese," says Keiko Tsuchida, 23, an ESL student from Japan.

Tsuchida says she hasn't talked with the new students much yet, but she says, "I want to know about their life and customs."

On Jan. 5, the ESL program's orientation started and all ESL staff members welcomed the new students.

In the speech, Jos Nolle, manager of the International Education department, encouraged the students. "Don't let yourself keep away from speaking English. Don't be afraid to make mistakes."

On Jan. 6, after all tests were finished, the students went to Niagara Falls to see "the world-famous falls" and the Festival of Lights.

Niagara College's new international students in the English as a Second Language program visited Niagara Falls on Jan. 6 after the orientation. Front row from left are Maria Jose Parraga of Spain, Mareike Arning of Germany, Angerita Soto of Mexico and Yukie Mizutani of Japan. Back row from left are Tomas Peralta of Colombia, Miyoko Mitsudo of Japan, Mary Jane Roquero and Theresa Serentas of the Philippines, Ester Paester, guide for the two Philippine students, and Clementina Rendon of Mexico.

Photo by Minako Yamaguchi

"It was very nice," says Mareike Arning, 20, the first ESL student from Germany.

Arning says the Falls were "terrific" but before coming to Canada, she thought there was nothing constructed around the falls, such as the streets.

ESL students will experience Canadian life, as well as English, as the winter term continues until April 24.

Jordanian educators visit Canadian colleges

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

It was a busy December for visiting educators from Jordan.

The educators from Jordan visited Niagara College, London's Fanshawe College and Camosum College in Victoria, B.C.

Jos Nolle, Niagara College's manager of the International Department, said the Jordanians were interested in knowing about various curricula taught at the three colleges.

Nolle said the problem in Jordan is there are too many graduates from programs with few job prospects.

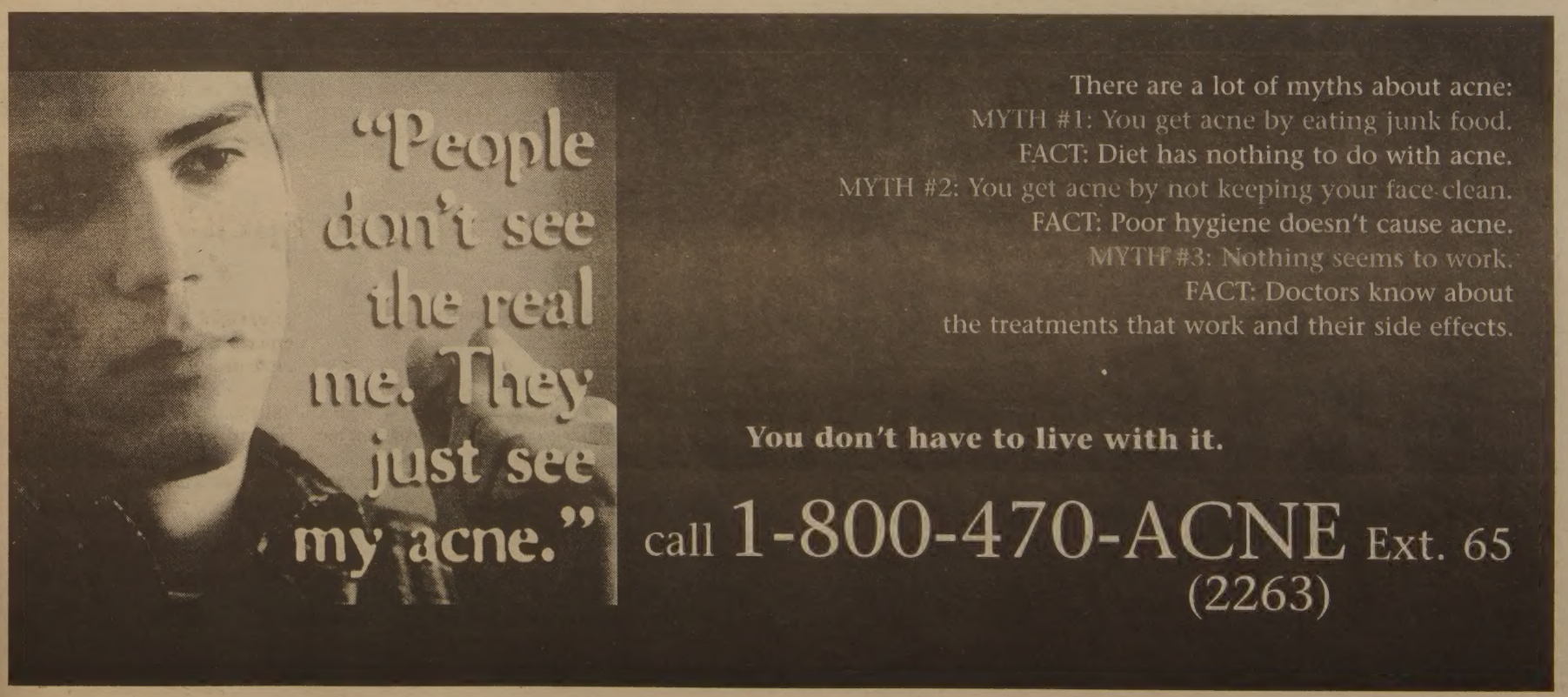
"Three projects will basically be given to the students — electro mechanical engineering at Camosun, water treatment at Fanshawe and Niagara, and information technology at all of the colleges," said Nolle.

Nolle said Niagara College officials had one trip to Jordan, and Jordanian officials are here to see the college's operation.

The trip is designed to help train people for industry needs, making links between education and industry.

"One of the purposes of the project is to develop contacts between a country like Jordan's local businesses in the Niagara Region," said Nolle.

Alison Ortwein, international projects co-ordinator, said the colleges made a joint proposal to Association of Community Colleges of Canada to work on the project.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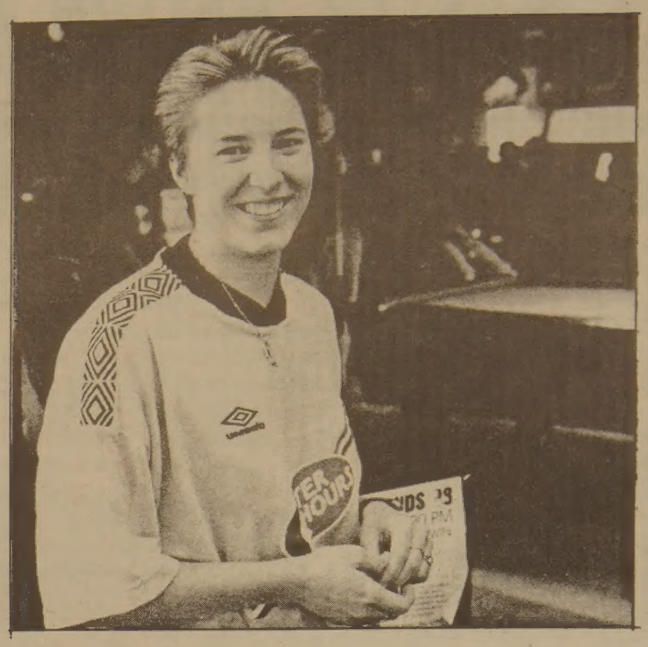

Sherri Slipak, 21, graduated in 1997 from the Law and Security Administration program. She now works at After Hours as security and at a security company.

Photo by Mark Hradsky

Eileen Akershoek, a 1992 graduate of Environmental Assessment Operations Management, is the scheduling officer for Niagara College.

Photo by Mark Hradsky

Luisa Paonessa, 27, of Welland, is a certified dental assistant. She graduated in 1990 from the Dental Hygiene program.

Photo by Tracy Jay

Jhim Burwell, 26, of Welland, manager of Kwik Pik photo studio, graduated from the Journalism-Print program in 1997.

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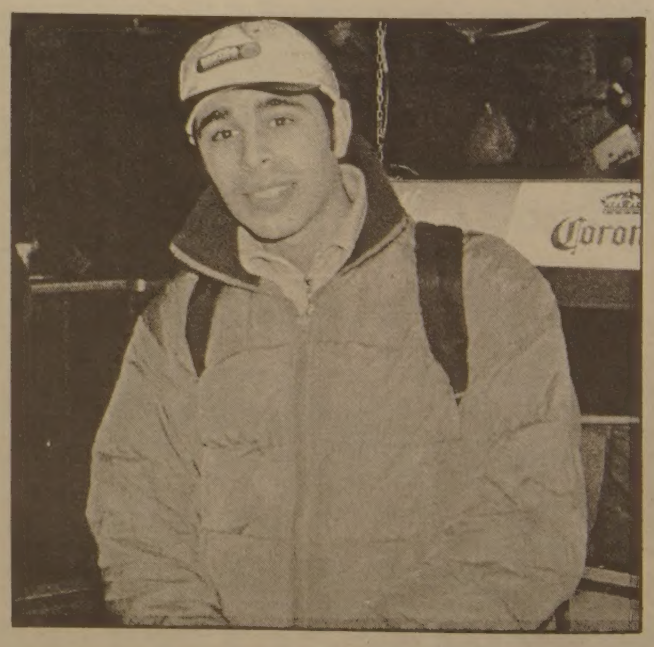

Enrico Iglesias is a graduate of the Computer Programming Analyst program in 1997 and has a computer analyst job lined up in Toronto.

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Renu D'Cunha, 39, of St. Catharines, graduated in 1993 from the Fashion Merchandising and Visual Promotion program. She now works as a freelance visual artist.

Photo by Carrie White

Kelly Katrynuk, 28, of Welland, a graduate of the Dental Hygiene program in 1995, is a preventive dental assistant.

Photo by Tracy Jay

Jerry Salfi, 47, the communications officer of Niagara College, graduated in 1972 from the Radio/Television program.

Photo by Mark Hradsky

NIAGARA COLLEGE CANADA

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Helene Moscato, 48, was the second person to graduate from Niagara College. She graduated in 1968 in the Legal Medical Secretarial Specialist program. She is the executive secretary of the Board of Governors of Niagara College.

Photo by Mark Hradsky

Rob Ryan graduated in 1997 from the Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film program. He works as a teacher's assistant for the BRTF program at Niagara College.

Photo by Mark Hradsky

Hot meals served to those in need

By SARAH TAMMI
Staff Writer

A hot meal served with a smile is enough to warm any heart and brighten any day.

Meals on Wheels (MOW) Thorold has been providing valuable service to the community since 1975. MOW Thorold is a non-profit organization. It is funded partly by the Ministry of Health, but it relies chiefly on community donations and active fund-raising.

Volunteers are the backbone of any charitable organization and MOW Thorold is no exception.

"I'd say we have close to 200 (volunteers) now that we've taken over the St. Catharines area," said Myriam Dragicevic, co-ordinator for MOW Thorold.

People who are interested in volunteering just have to call the MOW office and make an appointment. Each person will be interviewed and references will be checked.

"They will (also) undergo a screening and training process," said Dragicevic.

"We are a community support service," said Dragicevic.

The service is available to anyone who, because of age, illness or disability, can't prepare adequate meals for themselves. This includes the elderly, those with acute or chronic illness, adult convalescents, the disabled or those just home from the hospital.

MOW does a lot more than just provide their clients with healthy meals.

"It allows (clients) to maintain independence in their homes and prevents institutionalization," said Dragicevic.

Along with hot meals, MOW also offers frozen meals. Each hot meal consists of soup, meat/poultry or fish, vegetables, potato/rice or pasta, dinner roll and dessert. Frozen meals include an entree and dessert.

All meals are balanced diets. Special diets are also available.

What makes MOW such a valuable service is its people.

"We have people who care about what they are doing — helping people within their community," said Dragicevic. "It's a huge caring component."

"It's more than just the meal, it's the connection of neighbor helping neighbor."

The service's mission statement is "to assist in the promotion of health, well-being and independence of clients and respecting their dignity by providing a caring program with therapeutic, preventive and social components with primary focus to provide home delivery of hot and/or frozen balanced

MOW provides service to Thorold, Thorold South, Port Robinson, Allanburg and St. Catharines.

Hot meals are delivered three days a week in Thorold and twice a week in St. Catharines. Frozen meals are delivered once a week. Hot meals are $4, frozen meals are $4.50 each.

Billings for the meals provided are sent out monthly and are paid directly to the MOW volunteer.

For more information or to become a volunteer, client or donor, please contact Dragicevic at (905) 680-1227.

All smiles at dental clinic

By SHARON WHALING
Staff Writer

Reward yourself in 1998 with a shiny new smile.

Three hours and $20 is all it takes to have your teeth thoroughly cleaned, examined and polished at Niagara College's dental clinic.

Second-year Dental Hygiene program students operate the clinic until June. Located on the third floor of the Simcoe Building, the dental clinic is open to adults and children.

Children aged five to 15 years pay a registration fee of $5 while adults pay $20.

Tess Main, faculty and technician for the dental hygiene clinic, says, "It's great for people who don't have dental insurance."

Appointments are advisable and can be made by calling 735-2211, ext. 7758.

"It's very thorough," says Renee Herbert, 20, a second-year Dental Hygiene program student.

Colors will make you calm

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

Calming colors can help learning.

The Welland Campus Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is getting a paint job. The theory behind it is that the colors are more inviting, thus inviting students to be successful.

Many students have already commented on the new look, calling the new decor "brighter and more attractive."

"It really helped to bring a different feeling to the building," said Trish Labonte, manager of the LRC.

The old color, called cordoba brown, absorbed the light, making it difficult to read.

"It weighed down the lighting," said Labonte.

The painting job was financed by the facility management department of the college. The company doing the job is Brown's Painting and Decorating from Niagara Falls. Bruce Brown, owner of the company, and his assistant Paul Rush are doing the work on the LRC.

"Not a drop has been spilled," said Labonte.

She said she was "very impressed" with the tidiness and cleaning job they had done.

The color selection includes plum, parchment and rose white.

The most noticeable difference in the color is above the bookstacks because the spines of the books are now easier to read.

Masks used as therapy

Mask therapy is an interactive, role-playing workshop

By BRADEN TANGUAY
Staff Writer

There are times in our lives when we feel like something is holding us back.

We don't always realize what it is, but we would like to find a way around these obstacles.

Niagara College faculty members Russ Blackbird and Anne Pineault are ready to present a mask therapy workshop to the college community to help people deal with these obstacles.

Mask therapy is an interactive, role-playing workshop that uses different types of masks as physical representations of a person's internal barriers that may have a negative effect on life.

Blackbird, the college's aboriginal cultural promotion and outreach officer, says mask therapy is an effective way to show people how we wear different

RUSS BLACKBIRD

masks in our daily lives. Those masks sometimes have a negative effect.

"Mask therapy shows people that they have to remove the masks that hold them back," Blackbird says. "We use masks as physical representations of negative barriers, allowing people to understand what is holding them back. Once you look at your own internal barriers you can deal with external barriers in your community."

Blackbird says group participation is what makes mask therapy work. "The workshop is based on the interaction of the participants involved. We use mask therapy for positive communication between groups. The negatives we discover are made into something positive."

The mask therapy workshop was presented by Blackbird last May at the Ontario Native Counsellors Association annual conference in Thunder Bay, Ont.

"The concept was well-received," Blackbird says. "It allowed participants to understand the concept of mask and how it represents people and communities in daily life."

Blackbird says sometimes students have educational difficulties they have to deal with. "Many times students face barriers in their education. This workshop focuses on self-analysis, allowing students to realize their barriers and shows them how to learn to deal with them."

Blackbird says a date for the college workshop has not been set, but the process is complete and they're ready to begin.

"We are hoping to run at least one session this term for anyone in the college who is interested."

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Special event in education begins

Opportunity knocks

By CARRIE WHITE
Staff Writer

Niagara College introduces new faces to the world of special events.

The post-graduate program, Special Event Management, began Jan. 2, with 15 to 25 students learning about the art of fund-raising.

The course will run for two terms and will cost students about $1,800. Requirements include a college diploma or university degree and related-career experience.

The course was originally intended to run a full year, but has been condensed into two terms.

Judy Halaiko, program co-ordinator, said the program has been condensed because "most students entering this program are mature students" who want to get out into the workforce as soon as possible.

"Their workload is higher," said Halaiko. "It's a lot of work."

The two-term course will teach students a multitude of skills including marketing, logistics, human resource and volunteer management in the first term, and advanced logistics, financial management, sponsorship, fund-raising, and event programming in the second term.

The students will also have an independent project starting in the first term and two practicums. These practicums entail 100 hours of local work and 180 hours of work after they are finished in May.

"We've left that part of it open," said Halaiko. "We're encouraging out-of-town students to go home and work within their community organizing events."

The Special Event Management program is a partnership with the Ontario Tourism Education Corporation (OTEC) which developed the program because of the growing concern that co-ordinators of special events in the past have not been qualified.

"OTEC approached us," said Halaiko, "so we have partnered up with them."

Entrepreneurial spirit needed

OTEC will evaluate the students three times when they are involved in their practicums so that they may receive their nationally recognized certification in special event management.

Students will save time by taking the course at Niagara College. They will be provided with the training needed to take the exam that is required by OTEC.

Halaiko said the field of special event management is "very diverse" and students will have "a lot of opportunities" to get jobs in the workforce.

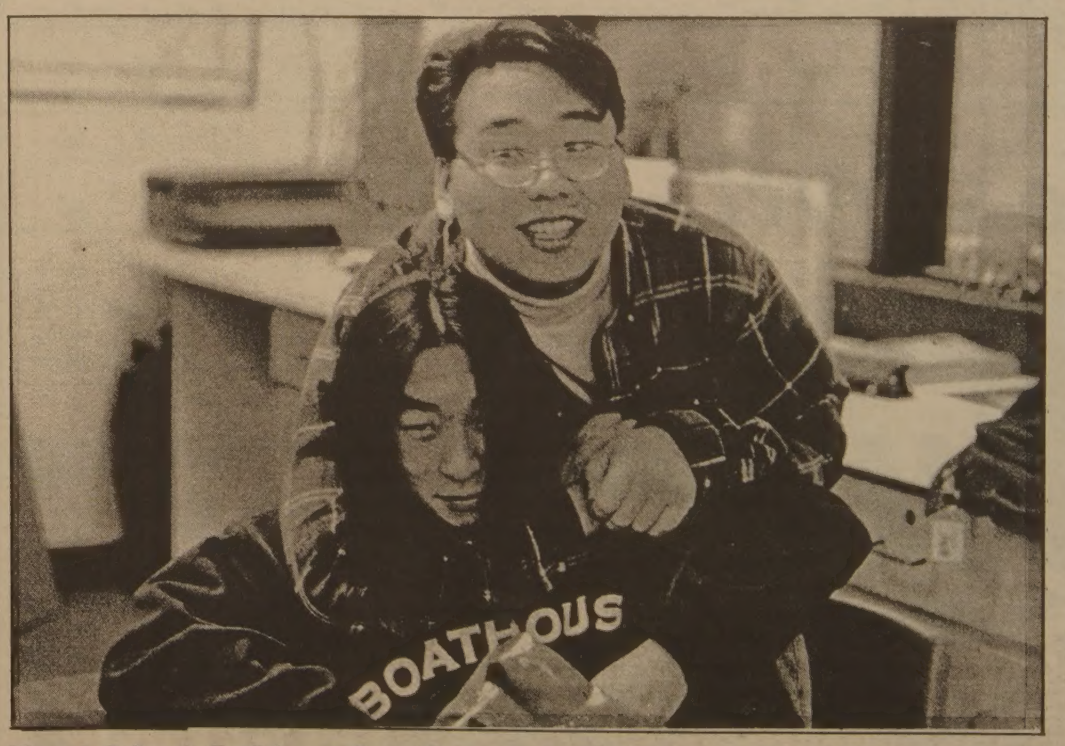
This field, although new to the business world, is providing "economic generation" as it is used as a "marketing tool."

Halaiko stressed students "have to be very entrepreneurial" because of the strong competitiveness in the field.

Beauty and the beast

Aren't we fortunate that the only thing the sky can dump on us is heavenly rays of light.
Photo by Alex Halmai

Teasing each other



Niagara College's English as a Second Language program students, Ryuichi Yano (left), 20, of Japan, and Jong Sik Park, 25, of Korea, tease each other prior to a class this week.
Photo by Minako Yamaguchi

Timelines

A moment in history

By KEVIN HARDING
Staff Writer

• On this day in 1910, it was announced to the American people that the annual U.S. defence budget had risen to a whopping $2 billion.

• On this day in 1916, a British intelligence agency intercepted a secret correspondence between German Foreign Minister Alfred Zimmerman and the German Minister in Mexico urging Mexico to wage war on the U.S. In return, Mexico was to receive financial aid and the territory consisting of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico if Germany emerged victorious from the First World War.

• On this day in 1920, the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect. Enforced by the Volstead or National Prohibition Act, the new legislation officially banned the sale of wine, beer and liquor throughout the United States.

• On this day in 1920, the first meeting of the League of Nations was held in Paris. Although 27 countries took part in the plenary sessions, all serious decisions were made during private conferences by the "Big Four": Woodrow Wilson for the U.S., David Lloyd George for England, Georges Clemenceau for France and V.E. Orlando for Italy.

• On this day in 1925, Leon Trotsky was dismissed from the Soviet War Council because of growing suspicion concerning his conversion to the ideals of Bolshevism. Although still a member of the Politburo, Trotsky's ouster as war commissar represented a huge victory for rival Joseph Stalin.

• On this day in 1935, U.S. federal agents trailed notorious bank robber and kidnapper Kate "Ma" Barker and her son, Fred, to their Florida hideout before killing them both in a six-hour rain of bullets.

• On this day in 1942, Jawaharlal Nehru succeeded Gandhi as the head of the Indian national congress.

• On this day in 1944, U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower assumed supreme command of the entire Allied Expeditionary Force in Europe as a step toward ending the Second World War.

• On this day in 1954, the smash hit musical "South Pacific" stopped enchanting sold-out crowds and ended a four-and-a-half-year run on Broadway.

• On this day in 1958, Lester B. Pearson was named leader of the Canadian federal Liberal party. He was elected prime minister in 1963.

• On this day in 1969, revolutionaries led by Fidel Castro toppled Fulgencio Batista's rightist regime in Cuba, thus beginning a Communist regime that exists to this day.

• On this day in 1969, vandals defaced 10 paintings at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, including a priceless Rembrandt.

• On this day in 1970, Muammar Khadafy became the premier of Lybia.

• On this day in 1975, the Portugese territory of Angola became an independent nation after hundreds of years of foreign rule and 13 years of struggle.

• On this day in 1982, the Church of England and the Vatican agreed to restore ties, ending a 450-year-old rift between the two organizations.

• On this day in 1986, a bust of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was unveiled in the rotunda of the Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

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The battle's on

By TRACY JAY
Staff Writer

Niagara College's After Hours pub is hosting a Battle of the Bands.

The 1998 Campus New Music Explosion (1998 CNME) is looking for music participants to compete in a Battle of the Bands-style contest.

To enter the competition, one member must be a full-time Niagara College student, and two songs in the set must be originals.

The 1998 CNME is happening at 20 Ontario colleges and universities. The contest is open to bands, duos and solo artists of all genres.

This is the third time this concert has been offered at Niagara College. It started in 1995 and continued in 1996. Last year it wasn't offered.

All contestants must be able to perform a minimum of 10 minutes. However, the time of each set will ultimately depend on how many songs the artists will be performing.

Judging will take place on Feb. 2 at After Hours at the Welland campus. It will be based on talent, stage presence and originality.

The winner will receive a paid performance at After Hours as well as a recording package valued at $500.

The finalist will go to the regional finals hosted by a major live club in Toronto in early April. After Hours will pick up the cost of the $200 entry fee.

"This competition is a great opportunity for campus bands," said Dave Rapelje, manager of After Hours, adding it would give the bands a chance to perform at a top level in the music industry.

Applications can be picked up at the bar in After Hours. The cut off date for entries is Jan. 26.

Presenting the first band of 1998. . .

The Devlins, from Ireland, played at After Hours on Jan. 7 at 12:30 p.m. They were the first band to perform in the pub in 1998.

Photo by Tracy Jay

History brings in billions

By KERRI WOOD
Staff Writer

If you haven't seen it, what are you waiting for?

Recently I went to see what all the fuss is about.

The box office hit that is bringing in billions —*Titanic*.

Even though I knew the ending before I bought the ticket, I was mesmerized for the entire three hours.

Fabulous special effects made me feel as though I was actually there when the ship went down.

The romance between Leonardo DiCaprio's and Kate Winslet's characters gave the movie a special personal touch by making the audience involved in the passengers' lives.

Until I watched the movie, I didn't fully understand the disaster and what the sinking of that great ship really meant.

Before seeing the *Titanic* all that I really thought about was that the ship sunk.

I hadn't thought about the people who lost their lives in such a tragedy.

Titanic is by far the best movie I have ever seen. A truly awesome film. I can't wait for it to go to the Cinesphere at Ontario Place in Toronto.

To help you understand and be apart of its history, go watch it!

A howling, humorous horror flick

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

An American Werewolf in Paris is not just another movie sequel. It is a humorous horror flick.

The movie stars Julia Delpy, whose character is a beautiful young woman on the outside, but an evil, angry woman on the inside.

She tries to commit suicide by jumping off the Eiffel Tower. An American (Tom Everett Scott) on a daredevil tour of Europe saves her just in time.

An American Werewolf in London, a 1981 John Landis film, was a gory and successful film, but *An American Werewolf in Paris* ranks just as high as a sequel.

Scott's character is followed throughout the movie by the souls that roam the earth, the victims of werewolf killings. The spirits, with their flesh-torn faces, necks and bodies, must roam the earth until the werewolf that killed them has been killed.

Just as in the first movie, no silver bullet is needed to kill a werewolf. A gunshot will take him down.

You will be sure to think twice about flyer parties after you see what goes on at the Full Moon club, a werewolf buffet.

If you have seen *An American Werewolf in London* and thought that it was scary, brace yourself when you see this movie. It may make your hair turn white from fear. This movie is a must-see for horror fans.

A must see sequel — not!

By JENNIFER COTE
Staff Writer

Scream 2 is everything a horror movie should be.

The movie fulfilled its purpose — it made you scream.

This Wes Craven-directed follow-up to 1996's *Scream* is, on top of being a great horror movie, also very funny. Poking fun at the horror genre itself, *Scream 2* has you on the edge of your seat. Although a typically "cheesy" horror movie, it is all part of the fun of this film.

As a fan of horror films, I was thoroughly impressed with the effects. While they stayed true to the outrageousness of the genre, they weren't gross enough to make anyone sick.

The best aspect of the film were the cameos by many young stars, including Jada Pinkett, Sarah Michelle Gellar and Tori Spelling.

To find out the "killer" fantastic ending, you'll have to see *Scream 2* for yourself.

By JENN WALKER
Staff Writer

Chee-sy!

I've never liked sequels and *Scream 2* was no exception.

If you're looking for a thrill, this is not it. It's everything you can expect in a horror movie sequel.

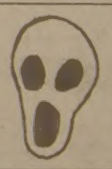
The chase, the screaming, the stabbing, the blood, the guts—normally these would appeal to horror movie lovers.

I stayed to the end . . .

My two friends who love these types of movies were even more disappointed than I was.

We were tempted to leave halfway through the movie but I wanted to see if it would get any worse. And it did.

Even though I hated the movie, I couldn't dismiss my curiosity. I stayed to the end to



find out who the killer was. I was disappointed further.

Its mediocre acting made it seem like a made-for-TV movie. And having Tori Spelling in this movie does not help the image.

Deputy Dewey is in this movie too, as a cripple, yet, he can run on his bum leg.

I can't see this being on anyone's hit list. No pun intended.

ENTERTAINMENT

Gemini, consider other people's views

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

Aries (March 21 to April 19) — Jumping back into the swing of things isn't always easy. Take a step back and enjoy the little things. Inch back into it slowly. Soon enough you will be back in the game.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) — It's time to rekindle your friendships. Plan an outing with your closest friends. Enjoy their company. It will be refreshing. Remember you don't have to spend a lot of money to have fun.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) — You're full of what seem to be great ideas. Consider other people's viewpoints. Your wants may not be the same as everyone else's. Consider the pros and cons of all your wild decisions.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) — A wonderful opportunity may be heading your way. Choose wisely when considering your options. Look beneath the surface before signing anything binding.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) — The lion within you is rearing its ugly head once again. Be careful at whom you lash out. A certain Taurus may not accept your apology. It's easy to lose friends when you aren't tasteful with your remarks.

Procrastination will not help, Pisces

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) — Those special people in your life may not want all the attention you're directing towards them. Understand their viewpoint and give them some space. Not everyone likes to be mauled.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) — Listen to your conscience. That little voice and your gut reaction are usually right. What's good for everyone else may not be right for you. Don't be pressured into anything chaotic.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) — Love is in the air. Direct all your attention to that special someone. Things may be speeding forward and that is a good thing. Enjoy the romance while you have the time.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) — You may be lacking in the health department. Don't do so much all at once. There is plenty of you to go around. Don't spread yourself too thin. Remember you are number one; treat yourself that way.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) — You're full of energy. Tackle all your new assignments with enthusiasm. Your best work will be done within the next months. Try not to lose the enthusiasm or your grades will reflect it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) — You have had enough of family and rightfully so. It's time to party and you know just how to do that. A few nights of going out is just what the doctor ordered.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20) — There are decisions to be made and now is the time to do it. Procrastination will not help. Your first choice is always the best. Go on impulse. You will get results.

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A street performer balances a shopping buggy filled with a car wheel and a bowling ball on his head for the entertainment of passers-by at Bloor and Brunswick streets in downtown Toronto.
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OCAA All-Star game hits Niagara

Niagara's Laura Chatterton goes up for the kill during a home game against the Mohawk College Mountaineers. Chatterton is one of two female volleyball players in Saturday's All-Star game being held here at the college.

Photo by Mark Riehl

College prepares to host All-Star

By KERRI WOOD
Staff Writer

Ray Sarkis, the college's assistant athletic director, said this is the first time Niagara has hosted the men's and women's volleyball All-Star games. He said the college has previously hosted touch football and curling matches.

Sarkis said being host to the matches involves "a lot."

"The major part was getting a sponsor to provide us with the uniforms and trophies for the event."

Sports Source, a wholesale company specializing in crested items, is sponsor.

Following the All-Star games on Saturday, 16 trophies will be presented. Among the trophies, sponsored by Sports Source, are Game MVP (Most Valuable Player), two for each of the East and the West Regions. Other awards to be given out are six Women's Dream Team awards and six Men's Dream Team awards.

Sarkis said there was a lot of time spent pre-planning schedules.

Providing lunch and dinner for the players, advertising at local schools and on cable television are also part of the host's duties.

Finding enough staff for the event was successful, Sarkis said. "We've got a good staff."

"We're hoping for a good turnout," he said. "I'm hoping for a good crowd."

Sarkis said he expects a lot of people will attend, including Niagara's teammates and their families as well as other colleges' teammates and families.

Representatives from each of the participating colleges are chosen by team coaches. A team's roster must total 12 players.

Colleges representing the East Region in the All-Star women's volleyball match are Ottawa's Algonquin, North Bay's Canadore, Oshawa's Durham, Belleville's Loyalist, Kingston's Royal Military and St. Lawrence, Lindsay's Sir Sandford Fleming, Scarborough's Centennial, Barrie's Georgian and North York's Seneca.

Representing the West Region colleges for the women's volleyball teams are Sarnia's Lambton, Hamilton's Mohawk, Welland's

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Men's Volleyball - 4 p.m.

First All-Star game for team captain

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Looking up at him, you might be intimidated, but with his large exterior comes an even larger heart and a love for volleyball and the players that surround him.

Kerby Bentley plays the middle position on the Niagara

KERBY BENTLEY
Knights' Captain

Knights men's volleyball team and is the team's captain.

Twenty-year-old Bentley, of Caledon East, Ont., graduated from Mayfield Secondary School. He started playing volleyball in Grade 6.

During his five years in high school, he played every season of volleyball and, amazingly, his team went to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association (OFSAA) championships every year he played. During his five appearances in the tournament of Ontario's best teams, he came away with one silver and two bronze medals.

Bentley was ranked the No. 1 high school player in Ontario and was named athlete of the year before coming here.

"Volleyball is my main focus and is the sport I love the most," said the first-year Hotel and Restaurant Management program student.

This is Bentley's second season with the Knights and his leadership qualities and extreme talent are why he is the team's captain.

Bentley is not only a leader on the court, but he is also a protector. With his towering 6-foot 8-inch body and with his long, lanky arms he is a blocking specialist who protects his team from the opposition's kills.

Whatever the situation on the court is, and if the team is winning or losing, Bentley's large smile always seems to brighten up the Knights' side of the court, giving his team the encouragement and determination they will need to proceed to victory.

During my interview he quickly shouted out to a woman passing by: "How's the hand, Laura?" Bentley worries more about the people around him than about himself, and he is always there to compliment someone on a good play.

"In volleyball you need a strong six players to succeed. That is what I love about it," said Bentley.

At the season's mid-point, Bentley is seventh in scoring in the West Region. He is tied with teammate Paul Clark for tops in the league with 24 blocks. The Knights' leader in points will make his first all-star game appearance in front of a home crowd.

"(Being chosen) is good for Kerby because he missed out last year," said teammate and all-star Corey McKeown. "He's well deserving of being chosen an all-star. He is the best player on our team and with his intensity, heart and drive he will really show what Niagara has."

"It's a great privilege to represent the college, and it's another notch on the bed post and it's nice to be recognized by your peers, the college and the league.

"It's just something to add to the resume but it doesn't mean anything unless you win the OCAA (Ontario Colleges Athletic Association)."

"Our primary goal is to win the OCAA. Anything we get after that is just gravy on top of the dinner. Our team is full of great players and it's just the matter of if we can do it."

His trademark smile glowed as he stated very confidently, "Oh yeah, we can do it."

Ready for action . . .

Members of the Niagara Knights men's volleyball team were preparing last week for the All-Star game.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Mississauga rookie leads in kills

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Corey McKeown is a highly sought rookie who maintains the weakside position on the Niagara Knights men's volleyball team.

This flashy 20-year-old from Mississauga began playing volleyball in Grade 5 and is a graduate of Mount Carmel Secondary School in Niagara Falls.

During his five volleyball seasons with his high school team he came away with three Senior most valuable player (MVP) titles and his team won three Dufferin-Peel championships.

McKeown came to Niagara because he knew the Knight's head coach was building a strong program. His friendship with the team's captain, Kerby Bentley, gave him the confidence the team is on the right track. He was recruited from high school by the college and given a full scholarship.

The confident and talented McKeown said he believes this team could be "a start of a new dynasty," because they have a good chance, with their potential, to win the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association title.

"Corey has picked up his game a lot since the start of the season and, without a doubt, Corey is the third or fourth best player in the league," said Knights head coach Blair Cudmore.

McKeown has become quickly frustrated, at times, throughout the season, showing this rookie's hunger will only be satisfied with a championship.

His free-wheeling attitude shows in practice occasionally, but when it comes to the team and game day, he strives to ensure he personally is in top condition so the team doesn't suffer from his play.

In his first season McKeown is leading his team in kills (69).

COREY McKEOWN
Niagara Rookie

He is tenth in the West Region in scoring.

His powerful weakside smash is a reason he's making his first all-star appearance in his rookie season.

"I'm glad to make the team and it was one of my goals this season. But I didn't make it here by myself, and without the rest of the guys on my team I probably wouldn't have been an all-star."

McKeown thrives in front of a crowd and with his "have fun" attitude he'll put on a show for the Niagara fans.

"We will have good representation from our team and there should be a lot of people cheering for us. Hopefully one of us will win MVP."

If this is the start of a new dynasty for the Knights, then McKeown will play an important part in continuing that dynasty.

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Women's Volleyball - 2 p.m.

Past experience pays off as Niagara athletes head to All-Star game

By ANDREA FLINDALL
Staff Writer

You can feel the team's energy as you enter the gym.

The Niagara College women's volleyball team is exciting to watch as they warm up, laughing, cheering and high-fiving each other.

Head coach Carolyn Schatz goes over details of the game with co-captains Laura Chatterton and Kim Clifford on the sidelines.

The other team has not yet arrived, but the Knights blare their music and are intense as they prepare for the game.

KIM CLIFFORD
Niagara Setter

Chatterton and Clifford bring the team in for a huddle at centre court for a pep talk.

Spectators can see the respect the others have for the captains by the attentiveness given to their words. And with good reason.

Chatterton, a 21-year-old Human Relations program student from St. Catharines, grew up playing volleyball through high school and on club teams. Club teams, which are "much more experienced and well-rounded," have helped Chatterton in her two years at Niagara, she said.

Kim Clifford, left and Laura Chatterton, of the Niagara College women's basketball team pause for a photograph while practicing for Saturday's All-Star game being held at the college.
Photo by Andrea Flindall

Clifford, also 21, of the Interactive Multimedia post-graduate program, played for Brock University in St. Catharines before coming to college.

"College teams do not have as many skills as universities' (teams)," she said, adding this experience has given her an edge this year.

Chatterton, who said the team learned "unity" in the pre-season, and Clifford, who said the team learned "how to have heart," said they are "pumped" and "ready to win" in the regular season.

As for the rest of the season, Chatterton said she hopes to strive for "teamwork and positivity."

Clifford will represent Niagara on Saturday's All-Star game and Chatterton will be an alternate.

Clifford, originally from Scott Park in Hamilton, has played volleyball since Grade 11. She attended Brock University for two years in the Communications Studies program. She then came to Niagara for the one-year post-graduate program. She was able to get into this class because of her Brock education and related work experience from a community access program in the town of Pelham.

LAURA CHATTERTON
All-Star Alternate

Clifford said she is "proud to represent Niagara and excited to show the other players how to play a more offensively run game."

"It's gonna be awesome," she said.

Second time around for third-year veteran

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

A Niagara Knights veteran volleyball player is heading to his second consecutive all-star game.

Paul Clark started playing volleyball in Grade 10 at Westlane Secondary School after being approached by the team coach because of his height.

"I didn't really get into volleyball until the coach asked me to play because I was tall."

Clark, 22, of Niagara Falls, Ont., protects the middle position on the Niagara Knights men's volleyball team and is the co-captain.

He says he wasn't interested in team sports in high school as his main interest was racing mountain bikes.

A towering 6-foot at the ripe age of 15 when he began playing volleyball, the lengthy 6-foot 5-inch Clark has become a Top 10 player in college.

"Things never really came together until my second-last year of high school when my co-ordination came together," said Clark, who claims he wasn't a big star in high school.

PAUL CLARK
Two-time All-Star

It was during his first year with the Knights that he became more confident in his game, learning the psychological aspects of volleyball.

Clark is playing in his third season with the Knights. He came to the Knights after being recruited by the college and given a small scholarship.

During his first season, the team was made up of "all rookies" and it was "a real learning experience" because none of the players had college experience. Only two players had club experience.

"No rookie night for us that year," said a laughing Clark, who received full scholarships to play volleyball in his second and current seasons.

"This year is a whole new crop of guys and I get along great with them. They are all competitors and they all want to win," said Clark, an Interactive Multimedia post-graduate program student.

Last season Clark appeared in the all-star game at Hamilton's Mohawk College.

"I'm happy to make the team and it's a lot of fun," said Clark, adding the players were "really easygoing guys who all had good attitudes" and "they were really easy to play with because everyone is just out there to have fun, to play hard and try to win."

The all-star game will be held on the Knights' home court.

"It's no big thing having it here," he says. "It's just closer for my parents to come and see."

This veteran player, looking past the all-star game, is more concerned about his team.

He is always there to help out the younger players by lending his advice.

Clark is ninth in scoring in the West Region.

He is tied for the most blocks in the league (24) with his teammate Kerby Bentley.

He doesn't thrive on personal achievements but one goal still remains before his days end here — a championship.

Clark's lofty presence and experience in the middle position is vital for the team's success.

He strives to take the Knights to new heights in his final season with the team.

Saturday's All-Star Lineups

WOMEN'S ROSTER - WEST

NAME	No.	COLLEGE	HT.
Deirdre McKraig	4	Lambton	5'4
Michelle D'Amico	5	Mohawk	5'4
Kim Clifford	6	Niagara	5'9
Michelle VanBerkel	9	Redeemer	6'0
Erin Sipe	14	Sault	5'10
Angel Seto	3	Sheridan	5'6
Kristine Verbeek	12	Sheridan	5'7
Angel Paquette	8	Boreal	N/A
Shawna Burton	11	Cambrian	N/A
Shannon Iazzolino	11	Confederation	5'8
Christine Rudies	9	Humber	6'2
Caroline Fletcher	5	Humber	5'8

WOMEN'S ROSTER - EAST

NAME	No.	COLLEGE	HT.
Laila Jabboury	4	Algonquin	5'4
Susanne LaBelle	9	Algonquin	5'7
Sylvie Boulianne	4	Canadore	5'7
Joanne VanDyke	7	Durham	5'6
Jenn Bowers	9	Durham	5'8
Alda Ladouceur	15	Loyalist	5'11
Jodi Zelenski	14	RMC	5'10
Amanda Beresford	7	St.Lawrence	6
Tara Hayward	7	S.S.Fleming	5'8
Deidra MacKay	3	Centennial	5'4
Shanna Madigan	8	Georgian	5'10
Jessica Dell	10	Seneca	5'8

MEN'S ROSTER - WEST

NAME	No.	COLLEGE	HT.
Marcus Kivilahti	13	Cambrian	6'4"
Dylan McCue	9	Georgian	6'1
Matt Cunliffe	8	Humber	6'6
Tim Pennefather	2	Humber	6'5
Matt Timm	3	Humber	6'3
Mike Brejak	13	Mohawk	6'5
Kerby Bently	11	Niagara	6'8
Cory McKeown	10	Niagara	6'6
Paul Clark	13	Niagara	6'5
Cliffe Hodgkinson	5	Redeemer	6'0
Noah Vogan	9	Seneca	6'1
Kevin Cargill	17	Seneca	6'0

MEN'S EAST ALL STARS

NAME	No.	COLLEGE	HT.
Sean Murphy	2	Algonquin	6
Ryan Gibson	10	Algonquin	6'6
Clark Deacon	14	Canadore	6'3
Gord Fulson	4	Durham	6'2
Todd Boys	7	Loyalist	6'4
Bruce McLinton	6	Loyalist	6'4
Bobby Bence	3	Loyalist	6
Jason McArther	10	Nipissing	5'11
Shawn Belanger	12	Nipissing	6'1
Shane Daniels	5	Royal M.C.	5'10
Kurtis Jensen	1	St.Lawrence	6'4
Mike Plumers	2	S.S.Fleming	6'4

See our Niagara College Sports, Super Bowl supplement next week

College prepares for All-Star matches

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Niagara, Ancaster's Redeemer, Windsor's St. Clair, Sault Ste. Marie's Sault, Oakville's Sheridan, Sudbury's Boreal and Cambrian, Thunder Bay's Confederation and Etobicoke's Humber.

Representing the women's volleyball team for Niagara College is Kimberly Clifford.

Kirby Bently, Paul Clark and Corey McKeown, from the men's volleyball team, will be representing Niagara College.

Niagara has three players representing men's volleyball because of the team's first place standing.

Two other colleges will have two representatives because of their second- and third-place standings: Humber College and Seneca College.

Other colleges will each have one representative to make up 12 players on the All-Star team for the West Region.

Colleges participating in the All-Star men's volleyball match for the East Region are Algonquin, Canadore, Durham, Loyalist, Nipissing in North Bay, Royal Military, St. Lawrence and Sir Sandford Fleming College.

Representating the men's volleyball from the West Region colleges at the All-Star games are Cambrian, Georgian, Humber, Mohawk, Niagara, Redeemer and Seneca.

The first match to be played is the women's volleyball at 2 p.m.

The men's volleyball match is at 4 p.m.

All matches will be played at Niagara College's gymnasium located in the Mackenzie Building at the Welland campus.

The admission cost of $1 for students and $2 for non-students includes a chance at door prizes.

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BETWEEN THE PAGES

The mystery of silent film explored

By CARLY ANDREWS
Staff Writer

Lights! Camera! Action!

That's just about all you will hear when a director films a silent motion picture. No noisy gunshots or screams from the helpless victims terrorized by aliens are needed. Only a whimsical score of music helps to set the tone for what is seen on the silver screen.

I began reading *Seductive Cinema: The Art of Silent Film* by James Card for a writing assignment, but as I finished each page I realized it was leisure reading.

The book took me two weeks to read, but it was worth it to get a behind-the-scenes glimpse of what my generation calls "old-fashioned Hollywood."

Silent cinema, or as Card describes it, "pre-dialogue cinema," was never silent or boring. True, there were no explosions, but actors died violent deaths onscreen to keep audiences interested. Chocolate syrup and motor oil were used as blood, but the expressions

'I have renewed it so many times. . .'

on the actors' faces told more about the story than Anthony Hopkins' famous line "I ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice chianti" in *The Silence of the Lambs*.

Charlie Chaplin, Gloria Swanson and forgotten favorites such as Canada's own Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, and Lionel and John Barrymore are put back in the spotlight in this book. Card, the former director of the film department of Eastman House (renamed the Eastman Kodak Co.), chronicles almost three decades of early filmmaking, before Hollywood filmmakers became concerned more with moneymaking in the latter part of the 20th century.

Although I have had some people ask me, "Why waste your time?" *Seductive Cinema* has become my favorite book. I have renewed it so many times from the Niagara Falls Public Library over the past three months, I might as well just buy the book.

Innocence lost

By SARAH TAMMI
Staff Writer

Tony, Roz and Charis, three different women, three separate lives, one shared bond — Zenia.

The Robber Bride, by Margaret Atwood, is a beautifully sculpted masterpiece.

Zenia is like a vampire. She wanders harmlessly until you invite her in. She will seek out the one thing you need or can't live without and destroy it.

The three women met Zenia in the sixties and in three short decades she was able to completely alter each of their lives.

This story shows how these three unfortunate souls were trapped in Zenia's magical web of sadness, intrigue and deception.

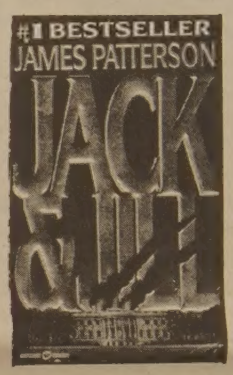
The turning point is the day of Zenia's funeral. Tony, Roz and Charis attend, looking for stolen men and stolen dreams, but mostly they are searching for closure and the truth.

In the aftermath of Zenia, Roz, Tony and Charis build a friendship.

What happens when Zenia rises from the ashes and enters their lives once again?

The Robber Bride is a moralizing story about women and the slings and arrows of love and pain.

Captivating ninth novel



By JENNIFER COTE
Staff Writer

Washington, D.C. homicide cop Alex Cross is back again in author James Patterson's thriller *Jack & Jill*.

Continuing from Patterson's previous best-seller, *Kiss the Girls*, the mayhem begins as powerful U.S. Senator Daniel Fitzpatrick is shot, execution-style, in his Washington apartment.

Across town, 6-year-old Shanelle Green is beaten to death in a schoolyard, the same school Cross's children attend.

It's up to Cross to bring down the killers striking high and low society alike. As more bloodshed occurs, it becomes clear to Cross that the killers are working their way up.

How far will they go?

This novel, from Warner Vision Books, is Patterson's ninth, and the third that involves the continuing saga of Detective Cross.

The book, in Patterson's fast-paced style, is a stunning display of action with a breathtaking cliff-hanger conclusion, when Cross reunites with a person from his past.

Fans of Patterson's certainly won't be disappointed, nor will anyone looking for a quick, absorbing read.

Relief for readers

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

Cold White Fury is a novel that will chill you to the bone.

Written by Beth Amos, this book lets the reader's imagination run wild with possibilities.

Jennifer Bolton, a widow, is raising her only son, Tanner, in central Virginia. Eight years before the novel takes place, Jennifer, her late-husband Tim, and baby Tanner had gone on a vacation.

On the way to the resort there is a terrible car accident in which Tim is killed and Tanner is injured. What Jennifer doesn't know is a tiny, unnoticed fragment of metal has been embedded in Tanner's brain.

Eight years after the freak accident, Tanner begins to hear a which turns out to belong to his dead father. Their house is ransacked and their lives are threatened.

Tanner seems to be the only one who can save millions of lives, but Jennifer doesn't know whether or not she is ready to exploit her son to save strangers.

This 355-page book is chilling and, as any good thriller, it will allow the reader to guess who-done-it. Published by Harper Paperbacks, it is not written in a Stephen King-style, which may be a relief to some readers.

Falling hard for mysteries

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

Looking for a little winter mystery?

Miss Smilla's Feeling For Snow, a novel by Peter Hoeg, is not something I would normally pick up. Mystery novels don't usually contain the literary genius I admire, but something about Smilla, the main character, kept me glued to the book.

Smilla is a Greenlander now living in Copenhagen. Her neighbor, a boy named Isaiah, falls from the roof of the building where they both live. This would not normally be considered mysterious circumstances under which to die and the police call it accidental death, yet Smilla starts an investigation of her own.

Isaiah would not have gone onto the roof alone, Smilla believes. He was afraid of heights, and his tracks in the snow run straight off the edge.

Miss Smilla's Feeling For Snow is the winner of the Writer's Association Silver Dagger Award and is Time Magazine's Book of the Year for 1993. The novel was originally published in 1992 and was translated into English in 1993 by Farrar Straus and Giroux Inc.

Hoeg's novel, published by HarperCollins, is an interesting meld of switches on switches, keeping the reader unaware of which side the character is on. The 400 pages are quick-paced reading, although they do contain a lot of scientific descriptions of snow, which are necessary to the plot.

After reading the book, I rented the film made from the book, starring Julia Ormond, and recommend it as well.

Prozac Nation refreshingly realistic read

By JENN WALKER
Staff Writer

Insight into the world of clinical depression is given in *Prozac Nation: Young and Depressed in America*, a memoir by Elizabeth Wurtzel.

Wurtzel's depression began at around age 12 and persisted through years of therapy and drugs.

This book is brutally honest in explaining the despair and constant misery that depressives suffer.

Wurtzel writes as if the pages of the book are diary entries, bringing the reader close to her and the disease.

Most days she couldn't even get out of bed in the morning, sometimes not showering for weeks on end. She suffered nervous breakdowns, engaged in self-mutilation, drug and alcohol abuse and made suicide attempts.

The 25-year-old battled with depression for most of her life. There was always someone or something to blame for her condition until she realized depression is a disease. It was then she realized she couldn't run or hide from her problems any longer.

Wurtzel gets philosophical in many parts and these are sometimes difficult to follow. She uses many metaphors to explain her ideas.

This 311-page book, published by Houghton Mifflin Co., is an in-depth look at her existence.

The writing is poetic in many ways, but the cryptic language is often difficult to understand.

Wurtzel's new book, *Bitch: In Praise of Difficult Women*, should be out this month.

New regional chair remembers college life

Zimmerman graduate of Journalism-Print program here

By DAVID CONROY
Staff Writer

Debbie Zimmerman looks back on her years at Niagara College with respect.

Regional Niagara's first woman chair graduated from the Journalism-Print program in 1975 and reported for the *Niagara News*. "I think we gave it the name in 1975," said Zimmerman.

She said knowledge she obtained from the program came in handy when she drafted press releases for her private consulting business.

During her time in the program she studied political science and municipal finance, courses that piqued her interest in politics.

"Political science was my first introduction into how governments operate," she said. "I really enjoyed that.

"I found the municipal finance course very interesting. We had to cover council meetings and I found that interesting."

'I figured the best way to get involved was to run, so I did.'—Debbie Zimmerman

Zimmerman recalls Niagara College in the 1970s as a "time of change" as the students began to demand more.

"There was some controversy with the president of the college at the time and it was an era of radical change," said Zimmerman.

After leaving college she found work at the weekly *Grimsby Independent* newspaper. "There was no opening in the journalism department when I first started so I moved into the advertising department."

Her political career evolved from her discussions at the newspaper.

"I was working at the local newspaper at the time. Some of the reporters would come in and argue about how council was covering an issue and I was always interested in that discussion. One day one of the reporters asked, 'Why don't you run?' I figured the best way to get involved was to run, so I did."

"When I ran for council it turned out quite well, because it's pretty hard to cover yourself when you're on council."

Zimmerman said marketing courses she took at Niagara helped her in her advertising sales career.

"I stayed with the advertising department. I took some extra marketing courses in college."

In 1978 Zimmerman was elected as an alderman in Grimsby. In 1989 she became a regional councillor.

Zimmerman said her main goal as Regional Niagara chair is to share services where it's most cost-efficient.

"Another goal is to enhance the economic development function that we have to entice the industry and provide more jobs for our citizens."

"We have an opportunity to create a partnership for the 12 municipalities in the region."

"The partnership would mean that we would recognize the municipal structure. We wouldn't be trying to undermine it. We would still be trying to enhance it."

Journalism-Print grad opens photo business

New business for former student

By TRACY JAY
Staff Writer

A recent graduate of Niagara College's Journalism-Print program has taken over a photography business in Welland.

Jhim Burwell, 26, of Welland, graduated from the two-year program in May 1997.

During the summer he worked on Orientator '97, an information supplement about the college's September student orientation, while he was also still photographing performing bands.

It seemed like a great opportunity.'—Jhim Burwell

Burwell began his own business under the name "Jhim Burwell - Writer and Photographer," in September 1997, after a summer of photographing concerts, which included the Friendship Festival in Fort Erie and rock bands at night clubs throughout Ontario.

That same month, Burwell was given a three-month job contract in the International Education department of the college.

While working on this contract, Burwell was told about a photography business looking for new management. He acted on the tip and called the owner.

"It seemed like a great opportunity," said Burwell. "It was a career I was interested in learning more about."

The business is located on King Street in downtown Welland. Frank Cooper started the photo studio in the early 1970s, but Sue Petri took over management between 1994 and 1995.

After lengthy meetings with retired owner Cooper, Burwell decided to try and see if he could "make a go of it," but he was still on contract with the college. Juggling the two jobs was "pretty tough."

Finally when the college contract ended Dec. 23, Burwell switched gears and put all his effort into reopening Kwik Pik photo studio, which had been closed for two months.

The business is now operating. It has been quite a challenge, said Burwell.

"It hasn't been an easy ride. Not everything goes smoothly. I've had problems with many things, but now, finally things are on their way."

Now that Kwik Pik has reopened, things are starting to fall into place.

Burwell said he is happy with the way things are turning out, but hopes to start doing more with the job.

"Right now most of the work being done is digital processing and enhancements, but the traditional processing should be up and running within the month."

He said he is looking forward to all of the "challenges" that may face him in this type of business.

"Every day is a new one and comes with some sort of new obstacle. I enjoy trying to figure out a way of getting around them."

Dental assistants look back on days at Niagara

By TRACY JAY
Staff Writer

Two Niagara College graduates have been working full time since their college placements at a Welland dental office.

Luisa Paonessa, 27, of Welland, a certified dental assistant, and Kelly Katrynuk, 28, of Welland, a preventive dental assistant, graduated from the Dental Hygiene program, work at the Dr. John D. Marotta's family dental office in Welland.

Katrynuk graduated in 1995 and got her job right from her work placement.

"The theory they teach you at the college prepares you for the hands-on practices at work," said Katrynuk.

Paonessa graduated in 1990 after acquiring her job from the work placement.

"The course (at Niagara College) taught us the basics, but a lot more was learned in the actual job setting," said Paonessa.

Time has gone quickly for Paonessa. "I can't believe it will eight years that I've been here (at the dental office). I was so young when I graduated," she laughed.

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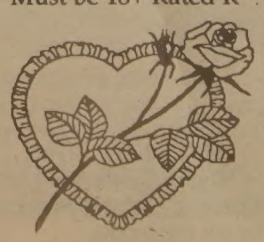

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Students pull together for Canadians

BY TRACY JAY
Staff Writer

Students of Niagara College have come together for Canada.

News reports have been filled with information about the disastrous ice storms in the eastern section of Ontario, Montreal/Quebec and New Brunswick.

People are living without electricity, food and warmth while others have had to move into shelters offering limited bedding and supplies.

Canadians have been called upon to help the victims of this natural disaster.

Four Journalism-Print program students, including this reporter, with the help of photography instructor Carole Timm, of Stoney Creek, put together donation containers, and moved through the Welland campus on Jan. 14.

Ian Anderson, 21, of Niagara Falls, went with Tineke Bruinsma, 22, of Smithville. They walked the halls and offices of the campus.

"It's amazing the response we had," said Anderson. "Some people were happy to donate. Others seemed a little reluctant."

Cher Cirillo, 23, of Niagara Falls, visited the staff room, After Hours pub, the cafeteria, classrooms and the computer lab in S109.

"I found it hard going to students and asking for money because I know they don't have a lot of it," said Cirillo. "I was glad to see that even though people are on tight budgets they still gave a little bit to help other Canadians."

The journalism students plan to go grocery shopping to buy non-perishable goods, and D cell batteries to ship to areas in the most need. Timm's students have planned to take the food to the fire hall on King Street in Welland, where it will be shipped to Quebec and New Brunswick.

A total of $225.28 was collected over the lunch hour.

The Journalism-Print program thanks all those who reached into their pockets to help out other Canadians in this time of need.

Journalism-Print program students Ian Anderson, 21, of Niagara Falls, Tineke Bruinsma, 22, of Smithville, Cher Cirillo, 23, of Niagara Falls, and Tracy Jay, 23, of Halifax, spent Jan. 14 collecting money for the ice storm victims in eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Photo by Karen Gellatly

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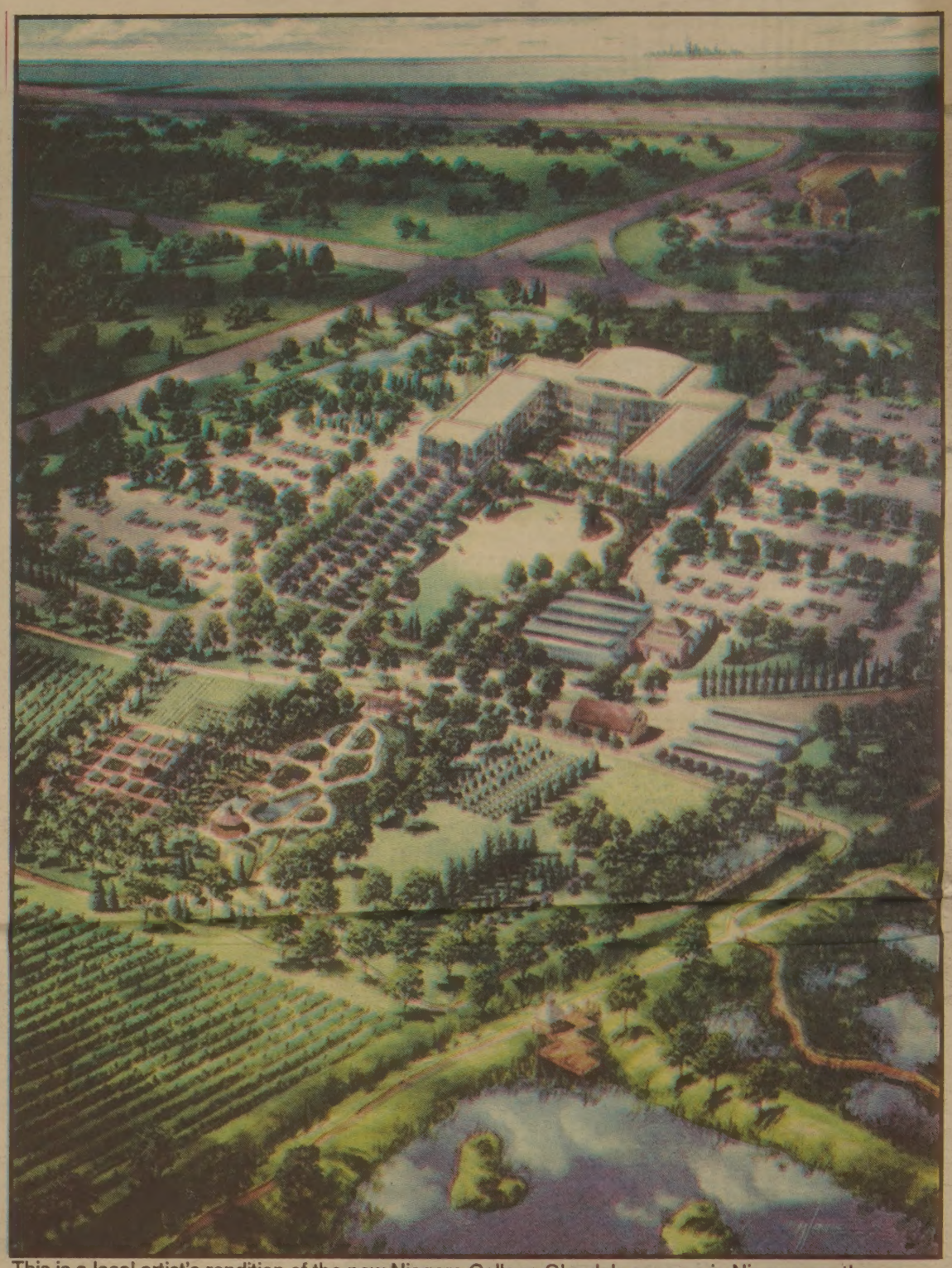
Hard rain dampens campus construction

Dan Patterson, left, examines the new Glendale campus with Al Roop, construction clerk of works.

Photo by Dan Dakin



This is a local artist's rendition of the new Niagara College Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The campus is scheduled to open in September. The illustration displays the facility from a bird's-eye view.

Illustration by Michael Irvine of St. Catharines.

Construction workers prepared for cold weather

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

With less than eight months before its scheduled opening, lots of work remains to be done at Niagara College's new campus.

Although the weather is a factor in the construction of the building, Al Roop, construction clerk of works, said the workers are prepared for the cold, dry weather.

However, with the seemingly endless rain that hit the region last week, installation of the insulation was postponed.

Flooding from the rain is also causing problems near the front entrance of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Glendale campus.

Roop said a sophisticated flood-water control system designed for the land was "working at full-force" last week.

In one building section planned for campus offices and the Venture training area, some of the stud-work is complete and drywall is ready to be installed within the next few weeks.

That area, as well as others on the campus, is designed for versatility.

"We wanted the ability to change things," said college President Dan Patterson, while on a tour of the campus.

The walls are being installed with the concept that if a classroom or office, for example, needs to be expanded, it can easily be done.

As the president toured the facility, he said it was easy to see the individual rooms taking form.

The pub is under way, as well as the gymnasium and cafeteria. These two have a common wall that can fold up to make a large auditorium.

Patterson said the joint space will be used for large graduation or awards ceremony-type events.

The learning resource centre at the campus has also been started. Embedded into the cement floor are data and telephone lines, keeping them out of the way of walking areas.

Construction of the campus is "quite on schedule," said Roop.

He said there should be no problem meeting the September 1998 deadline.

If and when cold winter weather hits the region, Roop said the construction companies are prepared.

Throughout the building, there are 25 large electrical heaters which will allow the workers to paint and drywall even when below zero temperatures exist outside.

Large sheets of plastic have virtually sealed the building to protect it from the weather.

Last weekend, numerous sheets blew off the windows and openings, but no damage was caused.

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